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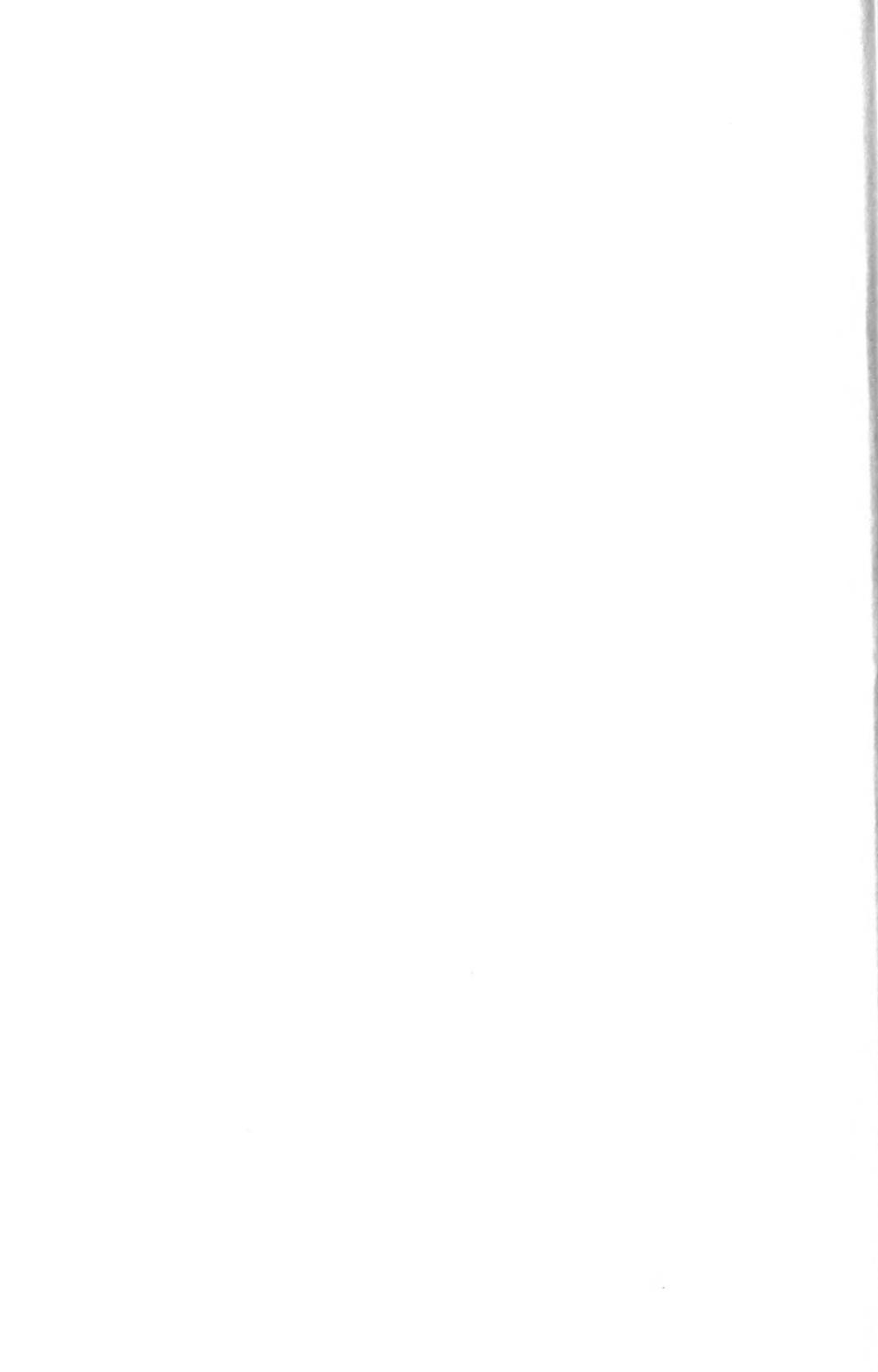
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*"If you would not be forgotten as soon as
you are dead, either write things worth
reading or do things worth writing."*

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DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
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TO THEIR WIDELY SCATTERED DESCENDANTS
AND
TO NATIVE AND ADOPTED CITIZENS



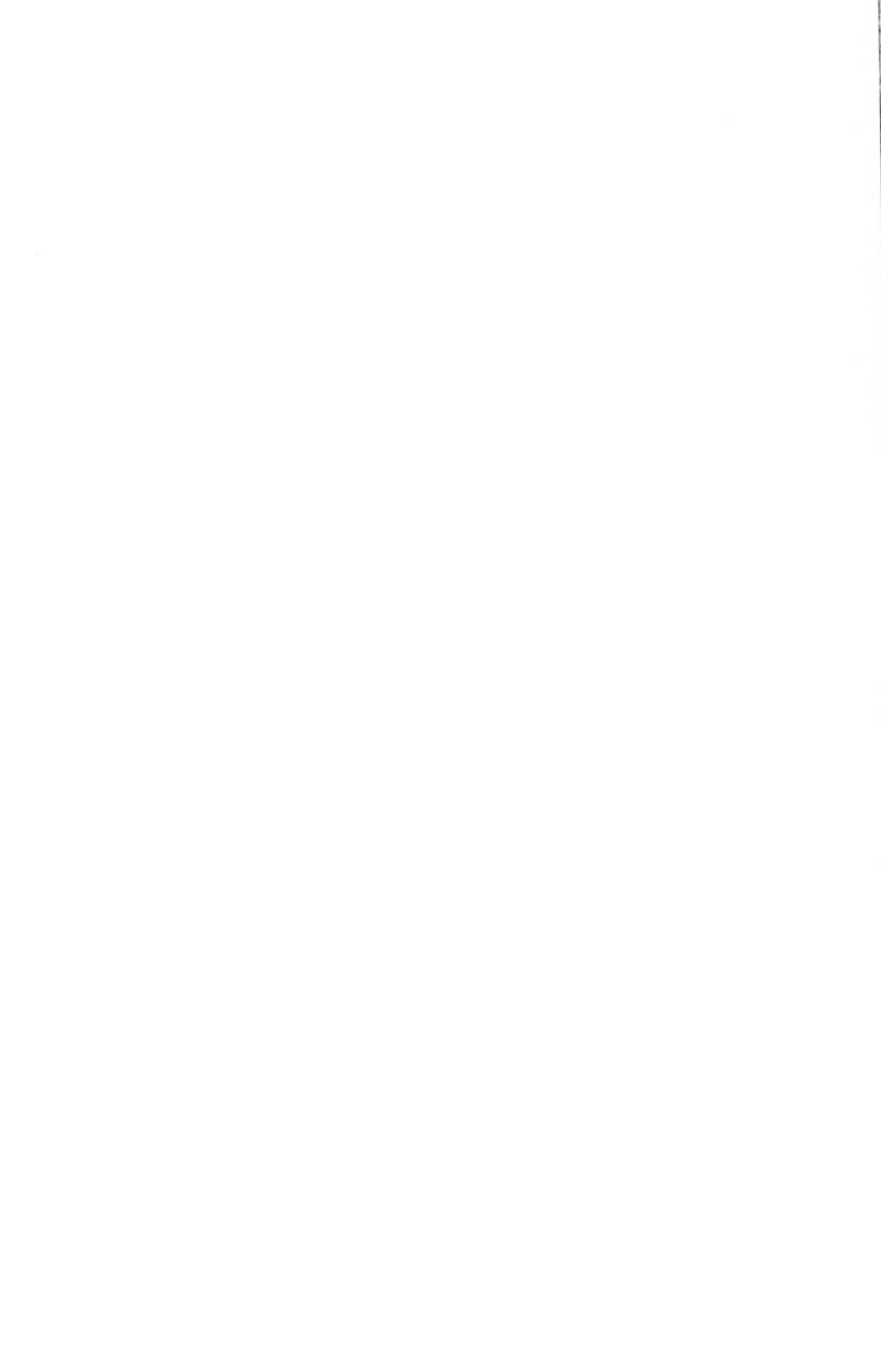
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INTRODUCTION

IT was with a great deal of reluctance and many misgivings that the author consented to heed the importunities of many of the good people of Carlisle to write a history of the town, and had not these importunities been repeated over a period of several years, they would have been forgotten and ineffectual.

Having written a partial history of the town for Lewis's History of Middlesex County, thirty years ago, he fully realized the labor and research involved in compiling a history that would be complete and correct. He has taken pains to verify all statements herein contained as to accuracy but realizes that they are far from being complete; much more might have been written, but the aim has been to record the more important events that have transpired in the town.

The larger portion of the information has been gleaned from town and church records, and the author wishes hereby to thank the officers of both town and church for the favors they have granted in allowing access to these records. Much valuable information has also been obtained from newspaper clippings and from ancient documents, for which the author is exceedingly grateful to all who have supplied them; especially to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Green, of Carlisle, who have furnished the larger number, and who also compiled the list of cemetery epitaphs. To Mr. William F. Litchfield, of Maynard, he wishes to acknowledge his appreciation for information of his ancestor, the Rev. Paul Litchfield. And to Mrs. Benson P. Wilkins, of Carlisle, thanks are due for the record that she compiled of the World War soldiers, from

Carlisle. The map was drawn for reproduction by Warren H. Manning, of Billerica, who is authority on landscape design and regional planning and in making the map has been very serviceable to the author.

Many others have contributed and should have due credit here, but the list if it included all would be cumbersome, so the author can only say "thank you" and add that the courtesy that has been shown him on every hand has made enjoyable a task that otherwise would have been arduous.

Carlisle has had a unique experience in getting established. Was there another town in the State, or nation, that had so varied and prolonged an experience to attain its majority? From December 18, 1732, which is the first recorded date of a move for incorporation, until February 18, 1805, when Carlisle was finally incorporated a town, covered a period of seventy-two years and two months. A lengthy procedure for establishing a municipality. It would be misleading to give the impression that it had not enjoyed a corporate existence during all that time, for it had twice been established as a district, and so existed for a period of twenty-seven and a half years. Perseverance and tenacity appear to have been prominent virtues of those early settlers; they persisted until they got what they were after, and their courage also should be recognized, for it stood by them until they won the crown.

The author likes to use the synonym "Carlisle the crown." History records that the Grecian athletes won the crown only by supreme effort, and thus was the establishment of a new town the crowning act of its persevering sponsors. Secondly, a crown is valuable, — and so is Carlisle. Quoting from the answer of the town of Concord, in reply to a petition of the inhabitants of the northerly part of said town praying to be set off a separate

district, they say: "and is the most valuable part of the Town being the most fertile and Profitable land."

Thirdly, a crown is small. So is Carlisle, as compared with the group of surrounding towns, four of which contributed some of the best of their area for its formation; and thus it more readily adjusts itself to our mental conception of a crown.

Fourthly, a crown is beautiful. So is Carlisle. It has hill and dale, brooks and river, flowers and fruit, that should attract the pleasure seeker as well as the person seeking recreation or a rural home.

Fifth and finally. There is no necessity for a crown until there is something to be crowned, and the author is sure that the promoters of the new town, the last of the group to be incorporated, were glad to acknowledge the magnanimity of those surrounding towns contributing to her area of territory by presenting to them and to posterity the result of their crowning efforts, the new town of Carlisle.

Billerica, August 14, 1920.

HISTORY OF CARLISLE

CHAPTER I

THE DISTRICT OF CARLISLE

THE town of Concord, Mass., was incorporated September 3, 1635 (old style), being one of the earliest inland settlements in the State, and in extent of territory originally one of the largest towns in Middlesex County, having contributed from its borders in part, for the formation of five surrounding towns as well as aiding in their colonization. Carlisle is one of this group of five towns claiming Concord as a mother town.

Carlisle was twice incorporated as a district before becoming a town. The first district of Carlisle was wholly formed from territory originally comprising the northerly part of Concord, "which contained within its bounds about six thousand and six hundred acres, and sixty families, and included some of the best part of the town." This first district also included eighteen hundred and fifty acres of land, with fifteen families thereon, known as Blood's Farm. Rev. Henry A. Hazen, in writing the history of Billerica in *History of Middlesex County*, makes the following reference to "Blood's Farm": "In 1684 the Bloods had obtained an Indian deed to quite a large tract, claimed also by Billerica, in the vicinity of Carlisle Village." The demand for the separation began more than twenty years before it finally took place. "As early as December 18, 1732, Jonathan Blood, John Parlin and twenty-six others, inhabitants of the

northerly part of Concord, subcribed to an agreement to support meetings for public worship at the house of Joseph Adams" (which house is still standing on the main road to Concord, and in the town of Concord, a short distance beyond the present bounds of Carlisle). "The whole amount thus subcribed was £18.4s. The subscribers appear to have organized as a society, to have chosen a clerk, and to have held meetings for prudential affairs, sometimes at the house of David Parlin.

"At a meeting of the inhabitants of Concord, held May 21, 1733, a vote was passed pursuant to an article in the warrant, upon the questions, 'whether the town would make allowance to sundry inhabitants of the north part of Concord, to support preaching amongst them in the winter season; or would set off the said inhabitants, to be a separate precinct,' both of which were decided in the negative." This appears to have been the beginning of numerous petitions and counter-petitions subsequently presented to the town of Concord and the General Court to establish the proposed district, of which the following are the more prominent. In 1734 a petition of Benjamin Stone and twenty-five others was presented to the General Court, requesting the establishment of the district; on the same day a petition containing twenty-eight names stating their unwillingness to be set off a separate district was filed, and the matter was dismissed. At a town meeting held in Coneord, March 7, 1737-38, the inhabitants voted on two petitions, one by Zechariah Blood and others, and one by Eleazer Brown and others. The town refused, by a vote of seventy-six to twenty-six, to grant the latter petition; they also rejected the former petition, since more people living within the bounds of the proposed district appeared to oppose than favor it. At a meeting of the inhabitants of Concord held March 3, 1739-40, the town refused another petition of Jonathan Blood and others.

In the warrant for a town meeting to be held May 12, 1746, there was a petition by John Hartwell and others for that portion of Concord north of the Concord River to be set off as a separate precinct. The meeting was adjourned to May 20, at which time the petition was considered, and referred to the next town meeting, which was held on November 17 of the same year. The article appeared in the warrant, and upon consideration was as before referred to the next town meeting. The next town meeting was held by adjournment on March 3, 1747, and the warrant contained no reference to this petition. The reason presented for the granting of this petition was "in order to their more convenient coming to ye publik worship of God, from which they are many times many of them hindred by ye Difficulty of passing ye river in times of flud and by ye great Distance of their aboad from ye place where ye publike worship of God is now upheld."

Six years then passed, after fifteen years of ineffectual attempts to induce the town of Concord to establish the people living in the northerly part of the town as a separate precinct. Now a new plan was to be tried. James Chandler and forty-six other inhabitants of this territory, excluding the "Blood's Farms," petitioned the General Court to be set off as a separate district; "this petition was read in the House September 13, 1753, and notice thereon ordered to be served on the town of Concord, returnable at the next sitting of the Court." In the meantime Jonathan Blood and twenty-seven others petitioned the General Court to be included within the bounds of the proposed district, and requested that the bounds be so altered as to include "Blood's Farms." On the return day, which was December 12, 1753, "Jonathan Brooks and twenty others who lived within the territory described in Chandler's petition, filed their objection to being "layed off, in any shape, according to that request." On October 22, 1753,

the town of Concord voted to grant the petition of Jonathan Blood and others with certain limitations of bounds, and so reported to the General Court on the above-named return day.

On December 13, the day following the hearing by the legislative committee, another petition, signed by John Hartwell and forty-two others, was presented and referred to the same legislative committee. This petition asserts that the preceding petition of Jonathan Blood and others was for "No other end But to Defeat your Petitioners," who claim to have "Lately Prefer'd a Petition to this Honourable Court to Set off a Saperat District on the Northerly Side of the River in Said Concord. Your Petitioners therefore Humbly Pray your Excellency and Honours would Take our Cause into your wise Consideration and not Grant the Petition of S^d Jonathan Blood and others till after your Petitioners Shall have a hearing." On December 14 the joint legislative committee submitted their written report, in which they state that they find "such an uneasiness and disagreement amongst the parties that they report it is their opinion that the petitions and answers be referred to the next sitting of this Court, for further consideration, unless the parties should, before that time, accommodate their differences among themselves."

During the recess of the Legislature, at least six different petitions and reports were addressed to the committee who had the matter in charge, and on March 28, 1754, this being the second day of the fourth legislative session, the original "committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jon^a Blood and others the Inhabitants of the North^{ly} part of Concord praying to be made a Seperate District, & also the Answer of the Selectmen of the Town of Concord. having hear'd the Parties & considered the several Papers Given in on the same;—

Are of Opinion That the Prayer of the s^d Petition be so far granted as that they be sett off and made a Seperate District," by the following act.

"An act for dividing the town of Concord, and making a district of the northerly part thereof by the name of Carlisle.

"Whereas the inhabitants of the northerly part of the town of Concord, by reason of their being remote from the place of the publick worship of God, have petitioned this court to be set off a separate district,—

"Be it enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives,

"(Sect. 1.) That the northerly part of the town of Concord within the following bounds: viz., beginning at Concord River, at the mouth of Ralph's Brook, so called, and running westerly, to a white-oak tree on or by the highway on the easterly side of Hunt's Hill, otherwise called Gravel Hill; thence, still westerly, to a heap of stones by the wall in the highway, about four rods northerly of Daniel Cole's barn, and so, extending on a straight line, to a way a little westerly of Richard Temple's house; and then running northerly, by said way, which leads toward Acton Line, till it comes to Benjamin Temple's land; thence running to Acton Line, so as to take into the new district the said Benjamin Temple's land; and from thence, bounded on Acton and Billerica, untill it comes to Concord River, taking in Blood's Farm, so called; and then, on Concord River, to where the line first began, be and hereby is set off from the said town of Concord, and erected into a separate and distinct district by the name of Carlisle; and that the inhabitants thereof do the duties that are required, and be invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of any town within this province do, or by law ought to, enjoy, excepting only the privilege of chusing a repre-

sentative to represent them in the great and general court; in chusing of whom the inhabitants of said district shall join with the inhabitants of the town of Concord, as they have heretofore done, and also in paying said representative; and that the town of Concord, as often as they shall call a meeting for the choice of a representative, shall give seasonable notice to the clerk of said district, for the time being, of the time and place of said meeting, to the end that the said district may join them therein: and the clerk of said district shall set up, in some publick place in said district, a notification thereof accordingly: *provided, nevertheless,* the said district shall pay their proportionable part of all such town, county, parish and province charges as are already assessed, in like manner as though this act had never been made.

“*And be it further enacted,*

“(Sect. 2.) That the inhabitants of the said district shall, from time to time, forever, hereafter, pay their proportionable part of the charge of keeping in good repair the great North Bridge, so called, over Concord River; and that James Mimot, Esq^r. is hereby impowered to issue his warrant, directed to some principal inhabitant in said district, requiring him to warn the inhabitants of said district, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet, at such time and place as shall be therein set forth, to chuse all such officers as shall be necessary to manage the affairs of said district.

“*Passed April 19, 1754.*”

As a coincidence worthy of note it may be stated that legislative records establish the fact that Lincoln, formed from portions of Concord, Lexington and Weston, and located also in Middlesex County, was established a town on the same date that Carlisle was established a district.

The province laws, in recording the proceedings relative to the legal establishment of this new district,

make no mention of the title by which it is to be recognized. We first find this in the enactive clause of the legislative act of establishment, and *Carlisle* is the title given. In regard to the origin of the name, the late Mr. Benjamin F. Heald, in a history of Middlesex County, published by Samuel Adams Drake, writes: "The name was derived from Carlisle in Cumberland County, England, the birth-place and early home of James Adams, known in the early records as 'Goodman Adams,' who was banished from England for political offenses by Oliver Cromwell, about 1640, and was said to have been the first white man who settled within the limits of the district."

Now that the district was established, the next important matter seems to have been to decide upon a location for a meeting-house. Several committees had been appointed with this end in view, and several sites had been selected. The geographical center of the district had been ascertained by a surveyor, but with the multiplicity of effort there appeared to be on the part of a majority of the inhabitants more than a parallel multiplicity of discouragements regarding their ability finally to determine upon a satisfactory location.

A petition dated January 15, 1755, and signed by David Whittaker and seventeen others, recounting the cost and difficulties that they were sustaining as a district, was presented to the selectmen, requesting that they "Call a Meeting of the district as soon as Can be and Insert as an Article in your warrant for s^d Meeting to see if the district will agree by a vote to petition the Great and General Court that the whole district may be Dismist from any further proceedings as a district and be laid to the Town of Concord as heretofore." In response to the above petition, a meeting of the inhabitants was called for January 22, 1755, and after the matter had been debated, it was "voted that they will petition the Great and

General Court for an addition of territory on the southerly part of the district. At the annual March meeting a committee was chosen to present the above petition to the General Court, but at a district meeting subsequently held in April, and before the committee had acted in the matter, the district by vote dismissed said committee from further proceeding in the affair.

Another petition, signed by Jonathan Puffer and thirty-eight others, was at once presented to the General Court, "praying that the district be layed back to the town of Concord with all its former privileges." This was followed by a counter-petition signed by Ephraim Keyes and fifty-two others, inhabitants of Carlisle, and the adjacent borders of Chelmsford, Billerica and Acton, and represented the petitioners' urgent need of a meeting-house, which, if erected in Carlisle, would accommodate them all. Wherefore they prayed to be incorporated into a township or district which would include portions of land, with the inhabitants on the same, belonging to Carlisle, Billerica, Chelmsford, Acton and Westford. These petitioners represented that they had mutually agreed on the location where the meeting-house should be built.

Notice of these petitions was ordered to be served upon the non-petitioners in the district and upon the several towns. In due course these two petitions were referred to a committee of the General Court, as were also the answers from the several towns, and in each case it was voted that the petition be dismissed.

The answer of the district of Carlisle to the petition of Puffer and others was a reiteration of the willingness of the inhabitants to have the district enlarged by an addition from the adjoining territory of Concord, and that enlargement of their territory from any other town would ruin them.

The answer of Carlisle to the petition of Keyes

and others was in part, "if the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, the inhabitants of the district would be in a worse condition than they were when they all belonged to the town of Concord, that they would be joined with a great number of poor persons; and there is the uttermost danger of our being greatly imposed upon as to our religious circumstances, by being joined to a number of separates, many of whom lie under church censure, or debarred of church privileges, in the church or churches where they belong, and are mostly separates from our common way of divine worship, and for a long time have forsaken the standing ministry, and heard a lay exhorter, whom we suppose they would settle among us, or at least one of the same persuasion."

The answer of Westford to the petition of Keyes and others was, in the main, if the prayer of the petitioners were to be granted they should consider themselves almost ruined and undone, that they had just gotten through with settling a minister and building a meeting-house, and getting convenient highways, "and to begin the world anew, we are not able to do it."

The town of Chelmsford chose a committee and instructed them "to use such arguments against the petition of Keyes and others, as they should think most proper." This committee represented that the remoteness of the petitioners from the meeting-houses of the several towns to which they belonged, which they had given as their principal reason for being erected into a new township or district, was not the only true reason why the major part of the petitioners of Chelmsford desired to be set off, but that they had a greater reason, which they had not expressed in their petition, inasmuch as, for a year and a half, or more, they had separated from the regular church and congregation in the town, and attended the ministrations of one Samuel Hide, late a tailor in Boston,

but now a bold illiterate separate speaker or exhorter, who had been brought into town by some of their number, to the great disorder and disturbance of the church and town, and to the no small hurt and damage of even some of their number; and that the major part of the said petitioners were either those who have heretofore been disaffected to the ministry and church, or drawn in by their influence, and that they joined in the petition in order to facilitate a settlement for their exhorter. They therefore prayed that the petition be dismissed.

The remonstrance of William Shed and thirteen others, and the answer of the town of Billerica, by Thomas Kidder, who had been chosen for the purpose, were in substance that, within a few years they had built a meeting-house and settled a minister, and had built a large bridge over Concord River, against the meeting-house, and that many of the petitioners for separation were so poor and needy "as they cannot support or carry on" such charges as will inevitably arise in a new township, and that the line proposed in Keyes' petition would come within two miles of the meeting-house in Billerica, and that most of the principal inhabitants were opposed to the separation. Wherefore the town prayed that the said petition be dismissed.

John Davis, junior, and Samuel Davis, a committee chosen by the town of Acton, answered for that town, approving a remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of that town, and declaring that there were but two signers of Keyes' petition belonging to Acton, one of whom had since died, and neither of whom had possession there; that not many years before, the town, by order of the General Court, had built a meeting-house, and settled a minister; that the prayer of the petitioners was for setting off one-seventh part of the families in the town, which would

reduce the town to a condition in which they would be unable to perform the duties of a town; and would, moreover, make the existing site of their meeting-house no longer central.

Considering the large number of petitions and remonstrances that were submitted, praying for or against the dissolution or enlargement of the district, without results, there was little prospect that the matter would be finally dropped and abandoned without further effort. Consequently during the following summer a general meeting of the inhabitants of the district was held, when the project of getting the district set back to Concord was renewed, and a committee from the district was appointed with this end in view. That they attended to the duties assigned them is indicated by the following petition. "To his Excellency William Shirly Esq^r. and Governer in Chief of his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. To the Honb^{le} His Majesties Councel: And the Honb^{le} the house of Representitive of Said Province in General Court Assembled. August 12, 1756. The Petition of the District of Carlisle in the County of Middlesex by their Committee Humbly Sheweth,—

"That whereas your Petitioners being Set off, of the Northerly Part of Concord a Separate District in April, 1754, And there being but a very Small Majority (if any) that were freeholders included in S^d District that were Petitioners for being Sett off which Render'd our Case very Difficult and we Still Remain in a very Broken Posture. And altho there has been many Trials and in various ways for Coming into some ammicable agreement for building up the Place according to ye Intent of our being Set off. And Seeing all means Fail, and apprehending the utter impossibility of ever Coming into any further agreement for Setting up a House for the Publick

worship. Did at a District meeting on ye 14th of July Last Come into the Folowing Vote.

“That the District will Petition the Great and General Court that the whole of the District be Return'd Back to the Town of Concord with all their Former Priviledges — (And also that none of the Inhabitants be set off again into a Separate Town District or Precinet Excepting Such as shall hereafter Sign a Petition to the Great and General Court to be set off.)

“We therefore Humbly Pray in the Name of the District that your Exeellency and Honours would Take your District Distrest Condition into your wise Consideration and Releave us according to the vote of the District or in Such a way and manner as your Excellency and Honours Shall in your Great wisdom Think Fit —&c.

“As in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

John Barrett } Comitt^{ee} for
Jonathan Puffer } the District of
Daniel Raymond } Carlisle”

This petition received the attention of the General Court on the day of its date, and notice of same was ordered to be served on the town of Concord, returnable on the first Tuesday of the next session in October. On September 28, at a town meeting called for the purpose, the town of Concord voted not to choose a committee to oppose the petition, and also that they would receive the district back agreeable to their petition, and the following order was passed.

“In Council October 6, 1756, Read again and it appearing that the Pet^s had Served the Town of Concord with a Copy of the Petⁿ who have made no answer to the same Therefore Ordered that the Prayer of the Petition be granted and that the Inhabit^{nts} of the District of Carlisle together with their Estates be annexed to the Town of Concord agreeable to their Petⁿ there

to do duty and enjoy Priviledge accordingly. Sent down
for Concurrence—

THOS. CLARKE *Dep^{ty} Secry.*

In the House of Rep^{res} Oct^r 6, 1756 Read and Concur'd
All^{ts} ROLAND COTTON *Cler Pro Temp^e*
Consented to— S. PHIPS."

For two years, five months and seventeen days, the district of Carlisle was privileged with an independent existence, and then by the stroke of a pen, by the same authority that gave it life, was returned again to form a part of the mother town, which had reluctantly consented to the original separation. The period of separation was a period of trouble and disappointments because of the continued disagreement on a location for erecting a meeting-house, which, because of their lack of unity, they never had. The only cause recorded in the act setting them off as a separate district was, "by reason of their being remote from the place of the publick worship of God," apparently a remedial difficulty, but in reality a proved impossibility. When the district was set back to Concord there remained some financial adjustments that required the further interposition of the General Court. These received immediate attention and the entire transaction was completed.

CHAPTER II

THE SECOND DISTRICT OF CARLISLE

FOR the next sixteen years no evidence of dissatisfaction among the people of the former district has been discovered. A petition, however, signed by Jeremiah Andrews, John Robbins, Samuel Green and fifty-four others, inhabitants of Concord, Billerica, Chelmsford and Acton, "living near together, and far distant from the place of public worship in their respective towns," was presented to the General Court at the first session in 1772-73, praying that in order that they may be erected into a separate town or district, according to certain bounds designated in their petition, and comprising about seventy-six families, "a committee of the Legislature might be appointed, at the expense of the petitioners, to view their situation and circumstanees." The petitioners alleged as reasons for their prayer that divers of them lived from three to seven miles from the regular places of worship in their respective towns, and out of a just regard to the religious education of their children had, at their own expense, erected a place of public worship among themselves, not more than two and a half miles distant from any of their homes; which, and the hiring preaching from time to time, added to the province taxes, and their full proportion of the salaries of the ministers of the towns they now belong to proved a burden extremely heavy.

The Legislature gave due consideration to the above petition, also to "the petitions of a number of the Inhabitants of the S^d Towns who are Included within the limits prayed for, who pray that they may not be set off

from ye Several Towns or Parishes to which they respectively belong, together with the Answer of the Towns of Concord, Billerica and Chemsford, have attended that Service, fully heard the parties, and on due Consideration are of the Opinion that the S^d petition be dismissed, which is Submitted.

Wm. SEVER, *ord^r*

“ In Council, January 21^t, 1773, Read and Accepted and Ordered that the petition above referred to be Dismissed Accordingly.

“ Sent down for Conference.

Tho^s. FLUCKER, *Sec^y*

“ In the House of Representatives, January 21, 1773. Read and Concurred.

T. CUSHING, *Spk^r*

After the lapse of a little more than six years since the petition of certain inhabitants living near together, but in remote parts of Concord, Billerica, Chelmsford and Acton, who prayed to be erected into a separate town or district, had been considered by a legislative committee, and finally dismissed, another petition by John Green and others, inhabitants of the same locality and praying for similar action, and dated March 8, 1779, also engaged the attention of the Legislature. These petitioners set forth their great distance from places of public worship in their respective towns; and also that they had built a house for the public worship of God, and had for twenty years supported preaching at their own expense; and promised to exempt any who should be incorporated with them in the proposed district from any contribution toward the cost of the building up to that time.

The petitioners also submitted the bounds and a plan for the intended district with the information that the territory included ninety dwellings and one hundred

and two families. A legislative committee appointed on this petition repaired to the said towns, viewed the situation, considered the petitions and remonstrances, which had grown very numerous and very imperative, and reported back to the General Court that the committee were fully of opinion that the prayer of said petition should be granted, with certain limitations which were named in their report; and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for that purpose, which they did, and the new district was established according to the following act.

“AN ACT FOR ERECTING A DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, BY THE NAME OF CARLISLE.

“Whereas the inhabitants of the extreem parts of the towns of Concord, Acton, Chelmsford and Billerica, have for many years laboured under great difficulties and inconveniences by reason of their remoteness from the places of public worship in the towns to which they, respectively, belong, and having supported the cost and charge of preaching for several years past, and labour under other great difficulties and disadvantages; and have earnestly requested this Court that they may be incorporated into a district,—

“Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same:

“(Sect. 1.) That the tract of land bounded as follows; viz.:—beginning at the corner of land belonging to Issacher Andrews, upon Concord River; then running north, sixty degrees west, thirty-six poles; north, nine degrees west, sixty-six poles; north, fifty-eight degrees west, forty poles; north, thirty-two degrees west, two hundred and forty-five poles; north, twenty-seven degrees east, one hundred and fifty poles; north, thirty-six degrees west, one hundred and fifteen poles; north, sixty degrees

west, ninety poles; north, fifty-two degrees west, one hundred and sixty-two poles; north, twenty-two degrees east, eighteen poles; north, sixty-eight degrees west, two hundred poles; south, seventy-eight degrees west, three hundred and eighty poles; south, sixty-five degrees west, three hundred and sixty-eight poles; south, three degrees east, two hundred and thirty-five poles; south, seventy-five degrees west, two hundred and sixty poles; south, one degree west, one hundred and seventy-two poles; south, seven degrees east, four hundred and thirty-five poles; south, fifty degrees east, five hundred and fifteen poles; south, sixty-four degrees east, six hundred poles; from thence, on the river aforesaid, to the corner first mentioned, running in a strait line north, twenty-six degrees east, eight hundred and fifty-five poles; containing about ten thousand one hundred and twenty-four acres,— be and hereby is incorporated into a district by the name of Carlisle; and that the said district be and hereby is invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities that towns in this State do or may enjoy, that of sending a representative to the General Assembly only excepted; and that the inhabitants of said district shall have liberty, from time to time, to join with the town of Acton in choosing a representative, and shall be notified of the time and place of election in like manner with the inhabitants of the said town of Acton, by a warrant from the selectmen of said town, directed to a constable or constables of said district, requiring him or them to warn the inhabitants to attend the meeting at time and place assigned; which warrant shall be seasonably returned by the said constable or constables, and the representative may be chosen indifferently from the said town or district, the pay or allowance to be borne by the town and district in proportion as they shall, from time to time, pay to the State tax,

“And be it further enacted.

“(Sect. 2.) That William Stickney, Esq., be and hereby is impowered to issue his warrant directed to some principal inhabitant within the district, requiring him to warn the inhabitants of said district, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at some suitable time, and place in said district, to choose such officers as are necessary to manage the affairs of said district.

“Provided nevertheless,—

“(Sect. 3.) The said district shall pay one-sixth part of the charges that may arise from the maintaining of the North Bridge in Concord, untill the inhabitants of said district shall build a bridge from said district over said river, and no longer.

“And prorided further,—

“(Sect. 4.) The inhabitants of said district shall support a pauper named Sarah Fletcher, and all other poor who now are or may be inhabitants within the limits of the same, let them belong to either of the towns aforesaid.

“Provided, likewise,—

“(Sect. 5.) The inhabitants of said district shall pay their proportionable part of all such Town, County, and State taxes as are already assessed or may be assessed upon them during the present setting of the General Court, by the respective towns to which they have belonged, and of all public debts which may be now due from said towns.

“And it is hereby further enacted,—

“(Sect. 6.) That the inhabitants of said district be intitled, and they hereby are enabled, to demand and receive their just proportion of the arms and ammuni-tion to which they were entitiled from their several towns, previous to this act being passed.

“Provided, nevertheless,—And be it further enacted,—

“(Sect. 7.) That Thomas Brown, Nathan Buttrick,

Oliver Barron, Sam'l Kibby, John Blood and Willard Blood, included in the boundary line of this bill, with their lands, be excluded out of said bill; but that they have liberty of inserting their names in the secretary's office within one year from the date of this bill, that they choose to belong to Carlisle; that such of them as shall so insert their names shall be considered as part of the district of Carlisle, anything in this bill to the contrary notwithstanding.

“Passed April 28, 1780.”

On April 29, the day following the passage of the preceding bill, William Stickney, Esq., issued his warrant, directed to Asa Green, as one of the principal inhabitants within said district, requiring him to warn the inhabitants of said district, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting-house on Monday, the eighth day of May, 1780, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to choose such officers as are necessary to manage the affairs of said district for the ensuing year.

Phineas Blood was chosen moderator, and the following is a full list of all the officers chosen to conduct the affairs of the newly incorporated district for the first year of its existence.

District Clerk: Zebulun Spaulding.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor: Zebulun Spaulding, Phineas Blood, Lieut. John Heald.

Committee of Safety: Capt. John Green, Thomas Spaulding, Capt. Israel Heald, Thomas Hodgman, Nathan Munroe.

Constables: Timothy Wilkins, Sergt. Simeon Barrett.

Surveyors of Highways: Jonas Robbins, John Robbins, Jr., Edward Brown, Isaac Wilkins, Simon Blood, Jr., Ebenezer Hardy.

Tythingmen: Nathan Munroe, Isachar Andrews.

Fence-Viewers: Nathaniel Parker, John Robbins.

Hog-Reeves: Amos Flint, Josiah Heald, John Nickles, Edmond Andrews.

Sealer of Leather: Henry Fletcher.

Sealer of Weights and Measures: Lieut. Asa Green.

Field Drivers: Christopher Barritt, Samuel Davis, Jonathan Robbins, Phineas Blood.

Deer-Reef: Jonas Robbins.

Surveyor of Boards and Timber: Thomas Spaulding.

Sealer of Hoops and Staves: Samuel Green.

The General Court of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, during the session of 1775-76, passed an act declaring "That every corporate body in this colony which in the act for incorporation thereof is said and declared to be made a district, shall be holden, taken and intended to be, a town to all intents and purposes whatsoever. Passed August 23."

Now it is worthy of note that Carlisle was the first district in the colony incorporated after the passage of the above act, and also that it was the only district in Massachusetts at the time of the adoption of the constitution of the Commonwealth. The second district-meeting was called for Thursday, June 1, to be held also in the meeting-house. At this meeting a committee of three persons was chosen to see that the district be supplied with preaching for the ensuing year, and it was also voted to raise the sum of two thousand pounds for the support of the Gospel during said time, and before the close of the year it was voted to raise another sum of equal amount, in addition, for the same purpose; it was also further voted to build the body-seats, and ceil up the meeting-house as high as the bottom of the windows, and the sum of one thousand pounds was raised to be applied towards completing the work. A committee of five were chosen to superintend the improvements.

Sums varying in amount were raised for various

purposes; for instance, two thousand pounds were raised to support the poor and defray the necessary charges that may arise in the district during the year; also two thousand pounds to amend and repair the highways and district roads; also under the head of this article it was voted that the sum of thirty dollars a day be allowed each man who shall work on the highways and perform his duty to the acceptance of the surveyors, and that a man with team (which probably implied an ox-team) shall be paid at the rate of sixty dollars per day.

These various sums appropriated appear to be extravagant in the extreme, but the situation was as follows: In the year 1776 the General Court authorized bills of credit, which were to pass at face value in payment of all bills. There were also in circulation Continental bills of credit issued by the Federal Government, under a similar proviso, both of which finally became depreciated in value. A severe penalty was incurred for receiving or passing these bills at a rate less than their face value. This paper money began to depreciate about January 1, 1777, and was the source of much annoyance in the settlement of all obligations until the General Court in 1780 established a scale of depreciation for each month from January, 1777, until April, 1780, to be legal for the settlement of all accounts in the State. The depreciation increased month by month. One hundred dollars in gold or silver in January, 1777, was equal to one hundred and five dollars in the bills of credit of the United States. In January, 1778, one hundred dollars was equal to three hundred and twenty-five dollars in bills of credit; in January, 1779, to seven hundred and forty-two dollars; and in April, 1780, one hundred dollars in gold or silver was equal to four thousand dollars in Continental bills. So it will appear that the man who worked on the highways with his ox-team and received for his labor the sum

of sixty dollars in bills per day, really got but one dollar and fifty cents in "solid cash."

The district was incorporated just in time to vote for the first governor under the State constitution, and the record of a meeting called for that purpose and held September 4, 1780, reads as follows: "Voted and Chose for Governor the Hon^{ble} John Hancock, Esqr., of Boston, by 28 votes. Voted and Chose for Lieutenant, James Bowdoin Esqr., of Boston, by 28 votes."

Considerable attention was given during the first two years of the existence of the district to the laying out of new roads, and repairing and straightening some that had previously existed. As early as December 21, 1780, it was voted by the inhabitants that the "district be divided by the Selectmen into six squadrons in order for the schools." For many years this division was adhered to, and the money raised by the district was equally divided between the sections.

There is a school fund, amounting to the sum of five hundred dollars, given by will of the late Simon Blood, Jr., the interest of which can only be used, and is annually applied toward the support of schools.

The following is a copy of the first order found in the records for paying for schooling, viz.:

"Carlisle, February 27, 1781.
"To Capt. Samuel Heald, Treasurer.

Sir: Please to pay out of the money raised to support schooling, to Samuel Emery, the Sum of one Hundred and fifty Pounds to answer his Demands for keeping a writing school in said Carlisle, one month and boarding himself, £150,0.0.

"By order of the Selectmen.

"ZEBULUN SPAULDING, *District Clerk.*"

The first money that was paid for taking care of the meeting-house, of which any record was made in the town-

books, was the sum of twelve shillings and twopence, which was paid out of the town treasury to Mr. Timothy Wilkins, Jr., for sweeping and taking care of the meeting-house for one year ending the first of March, 1784.

Other payments of similar amounts were made to various persons for the same service in subsequent years.

In early times it appears to have been the duty of the selectmen to guard against the possibility of any person coming into the district to reside who would be likely to become a pauper, and instances are of common occurrence where persons thus suspected were warned by the constable to depart out of the district. One order drawn on the district treasurer, and dated March 2, 1786, is for the sum of seventeen shillings, to be paid to Deacon John Robbins for service done the district in warning out seventeen persons. The following is a copy of a summons taken from the town records, and will serve as a sample of many others that are to be found therein:

“Middlesex, S. S. To Dea. John Robbins, one of the constables of the District of Carlisle, in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:

“Whereas, Sarah Crosby, who is an inhabitant of the Town of Billerica, Came last from Westford on the Eighth of November instant to Reside in the District of Carlisle, the circumstances of the above Named person is such it is Supposed She will Soon be Chargeable to Some place, and the Selectmen of Said Carlisle do Refuse to admit her, the above named person, of becoming an inhabitant, or any way Chargeable to Said Carlisle or any of the inhabitants thereof.

“These are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Require you immediately to warn the above-named person forthwith to Depart out of

Said District and Stay no longer within the Bounds of the Same. Hereof fail not, etc.

ASA PARLIN,
JONATHAN HEALD, } *Selectmen.*

Carlisle, November 12, 1785."

At the annual April meeting in the year 1790 it was voted to have a collector for the whole district, to collect the district rates, and that the office should be given to the lowest bidder, providing he shall be required to furnish satisfactory bondsmen. Previous to this date the service had been performed by the constables, two of whom were annually appointed, one for the east, and one for the west side of the district; and the rates for that part of the district for which they were chosen constable were committed to them to collect.

Mr. Amos Blood's bid for collecting was fourpence halfpenny on the pound, and since he was the lowest bidder, he was chosen as the first collector under the more modern provisions of the preceding vote.

Previous to the year 1790 it had been the custom for the selectmen to commit the warrant for calling district meetings to the constables, who personally warned the inhabitants, one taking the east side, and the other the west side of the district, the dividing line being the road from Chelmsford to Concord, which at that time passed near the meeting-house. The southern part of this road is now known as the Old Concord Road, and for purpose of travel is practically abandoned.

At a meeting of the inhabitants held on the fourth day of October, 1790, it was voted that the annual meetings in March and April be warned in the future by posting up a copy of the warrant at the meeting-house the number of days required by law previous to said meeting. Thus was inaugurated the modern method practiced until the present day.

The first record that is found relating to guide-posts is recorded under the proceedings for the year 1796, and is as follows: "The Selectmen of Carlisle have agreed that it would be convenient to have Guide Posts Set up at the following places in Said Carlisle, viz: one near Mr. Timothy Wilkins, Jun^r House, to Direct to Chelmsford and Bedford; one near the School House in the East part of Carlisle, to direct to Concord and Bedford; one near the School House in the South-west part of Carlisle, to Direct to Concord, Chelmsford and Carlisle." The following year several sums were paid out of the treasury for guide-boards and expenses in procuring and erecting same, and it would seem that a number were erected in the district.

In the year 1801 the district made their first appropriation for music, when it was voted to raise the sum of twenty-five dollars for the purpose of hiring a singing-master. In subsequent years larger amounts were often raised and appropriated for the same purpose.

In the year 1802 the district voted that a premium of twenty-five cents a head on crows be allowed to any inhabitant of the district who should kill them within the limits of the district. Lieut. Daniel Wheat was authorized to pay for same on presentation and, as subsequently appears, seventy-three crows were carried to him and paid for, at an expense to the district of \$18.25.

Another similar offer was made by the town when, in the year 1872, it voted that the sum of twenty-five cents be paid out of the town treasury for each woodchuck killed within its limits. A committee of five persons, located in different parts of the town, were chosen to receive them and keep the record. The result was the destruction of five hundred and sixty animals, for which the town paid the sum of one hundred and forty dollars. The largest number credited to any one person was forty-three, for which Mr.

C. H. Hutchinson was paid the sum of \$10.75. Mr. Amos Baldwin reported the next largest number, and received the sum of nine dollars for the destruction of thirty-six animals.

At the annual district meeting held March 7, 1803, it was voted that the selectmen serve gratis the ensuing year. Since it was customary on various occasions, connected with their duties, to provide spirituous refreshments, there might have been to some a temptation to aspire to the office notwithstanding the lack of financial compensation.

CHAPTER III

CARLISLE INCORPORATED A TOWN

By the act which incorporated the district of Carlisle, it was debarred of the privilege of sending a representative annually to the General Court from among its own citizens and, while enjoying all the other privileges usually granted to towns, it was compelled to join with the town of Acton in the choice of a representative.

Several times the question of making application to be incorporated as a town had been agitated by the inhabitants of the district, but it was not until June 11, 1804, that final action was taken. On that date the inhabitants were assembled, agreeable to a warrant for that purpose, the first article in which was as follows: "To see if the District will agree to chuse agents to petition to the General Court to have said District of Carlisle separated from the Town of Acton, and that they may have appellation of Town instead of District, agreeable to a request of a number of the inhabitants of said District, and pass any votes respecting the matter which they may think proper when met."

The action taken on this article was that the district make choice by ballot of an agent to petition the General Court to have the change brought about, and to have the district incorporated as a town. Jonathan Heald, Esq., was elected as agent, and the result of the petition was the following act of the Legislature, which incorporated the district as a town, after having existed as a district for the space of nearly twenty-five years.

“Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and five.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE DISTRICT OF CARLISLE IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, INTO A TOWN BY THE NAME OF CARLISLE.

Sect. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the district of Carlisle, in the County of Middlesex, be, and hereby is, incorporated into a Town, by the name of Carlisle. And the said town is hereby vested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities to which other Towns are entitled by the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth.

Sect. 2. Be it further enacted, That the said Town of Carlisle shall be liable to be assessed for the pay of Representatives heretofore chosen, in the same manner, and in the same proportion as if this Act had not passed.

Approved February 18, 1805.”

The foregoing act was signed by his Excellency Caleb Strong, Governor of the Commonwealth, and marked an eventful era in the history of the town, the time when it outlived its minority and put on the full garb of manhood, standing shoulder to shoulder with its fellow towns in point of privilege as well as responsibility.

It appears by the town records that an order was drawn on the town treasurer on the twenty-fifth of the succeeding March in favor of Jonathan Heald, Esq., for the amount of forty-seven dollars, payment for his attending the General Court twenty-one and a half days for the purpose of getting the act of incorporation passed, and for cash paid the clerk of the Senate, and a journey to Acton. The above amount probably covered the expense for the act of incorporation.

In the early history of the town an article which

annually appeared in the town warrant was as follows: "To see if the town will agree that horses, neat cattle and swine may run at large in the district." It was usually voted that this privilege be granted in the case of swine, but a vote in the negative was usually passed in relation to horses and neat cattle, except in the case of some poor persons who were required to get a permit from the selectmen in order to avail themselves of the privilege. This article, as far as it relates to swine, appeared for the last time in 1831, and to horses and neat cattle in the year 1836. Another custom which has become obsolete at the present day is that of annually choosing fish and deer-reeves.

The practice of choosing a sexton at the annual town meeting appears to have originated in the year 1805. James Kemp was the first to hold this position by vote of the town, and his duties consisted in taking care of the burying-place, digging the graves, and taking charge of the meeting-house. This service was after a few years let out by auction to the lowest bidder.

For a number of years it had been customary to vendue the collection of taxes, the lowest bidder, provided he could furnish satisfactory bonds, held the office, and was usually chosen constable. The price paid by the town for this service was usually four or five cents on a pound, but two instances appear on record where the collector paid the town for the privilege of the office, in the years 1807 and 1808. In the former year Mr. Nathaniel Hutchinson, Jr., offered to give one farthing on the pound and, in the latter year, the office was bid off by the same person, he agreeing to give the town four and a half cents on the pound to be made collector and constable. The explanation of this occurrence may be deduced from the fact that the custom prevailed of appointing the collector a constable, in those times a remunerative office; probably

sufficiently so to justify paying a moderate amount in order to secure the two companion offices.

There appears to have been a pound erected by the district soon after its incorporation, and by vote of the town its walls were used in preparing the foundation for the new meeting-house erected in 1811. In the year 1812, at a town-meeting held on the fourth day of May, the selectmen were chosen a committee to procure a location for a new pound, and also to let out the contract for building same to the lowest bidder. Said contract was given to Mr. Nathaniel Parker, for which he was paid the sum of twenty-five dollars. This was probably the last pound erected by the town, and was located a few rods from the village, on the Westford road, and has since been removed, by consent of the town.

HEARSE AND HEARSE-HOUSE

At a town meeting held April 4, 1808, it was "voted that the town raise one hundred dollars to procure a hearse, and made choice of Capt. Nehemiah Andrews to expend said money, and provide a hearse for the use of the town."

On March 10, 1809, the town treasurer paid out of the town's money to Mr. Isaac Blaisdell, who supported a wheelwright shop in the town at that time, the sum of \$29.75, "it being for his building a hearse for the use of the town." Another order was drawn the preceding day in favor of Mr. Andrews, for the sum of \$26.00, "it being for iron, harness and boxes, and his time, spend in procuring a hearse for the use of the town." A third order was drawn a little later in favor of James Kemp for the sum of \$8.50, "it being for his doing the iron work on the hearse."

These three amounts, the total of which is \$64.25,

are all that appear to have been paid from the town treasury for the purpose of paying for the first hearse which the town owned. There may be little doubt that this first carriage for the dead was made from good material, and was substantial in construction. The moderate bill of expense to the town, however, would preclude the idea that it inherited much of the symmetry and beauty of a modern vehicle built for the same purpose; and diseased indeed must be the brain that would contemplate suicide with the sole purpose of securing a final journey in this early carriage of state.

Now that the town was the owner of a hearse, the further consideration was to provide for it a place of shelter. An article was inserted in the warrant for the annual April meeting of the following year, which called for the consideration of this question. At this meeting it was "voted that the town erect a hearse-house sixteen feet long, nine feet wide, and seven feet high." A committee of three, consisting of Capt. Nathan Haywood, Paul Forbush and Capt. Stephen Blood, were chosen to prepare a plan for said building with specifications, which they were to present on the evening of the same day, when it was "voted that the erection of the building be vendued."

The following order subsequently drawn on the treasurer would seem to indicate the name of the contractor, as well as the cost of the building, viz., "To Mr. Nathan Green, Jr., town treasurer, Sir: Please to pay out of the town's money to Capt. Nehemiah Andrews, twenty-six dollars and four cents, it being for his building a house for the town hearse."

This building was located on the southeast corner of the Central Burying Ground, in the center of the town, where it stood until the year 1867, when the town voted that the selectmen be authorized to dispose of it in such manner as they deemed best. It was finally sold for \$35,

moved away, and transformed into a dwelling. During its existence as a hearse-house it answered the double purpose of providing a shelter for the hearse, and serving as a sort of armory, or receptacle for the town's supply of powder, firearms and equipments.

In the year 1838 a committee of three were appointed by the town to have the old hearse repaired, which seems to have answered its purpose until the year 1865, when at a town-meeting held November 7 a committee of three persons were chosen to procure a new hearse, and to dispose of the old one. Messrs. E. S. Hutchins, George F. Duren and Nathaniel Hutchinson were the committee, and subsequently purchased a more modern carriage for the dead from A. Tolman & Co. of Worcester, for the sum of \$430. The old hearse was sold at auction for two dollars and after certain alterations served the purchaser, a resident townsman, as a pleasure wagon for a number of years.

By vote of the town March 19, 1888, the selectmen were instructed to buy a pole and runners for the hearse, which they procured for the sum of \$19.50 exclusive of the bill for painting.

At a town meeting held May 25, 1867, the last article in the warrant was to "see if the town will provide a suitable place for the new hearse or act thereon," when it was voted "that the selectmen be authorized to build a suitable hearse-house." The result of this vote was the building of a hearse-house, located in Green Cemetery, erected at an expense to the town of nearly \$250. Sheds suitable for the accommodation of two teams, and a comfort station, have since been connected on the southern side.

THE COMMON

A little inconvenience appears to have been experienced by the inhabitants of the town from the fact that

the grant of land from Mr. Timothy Wilkins, mentioned elsewhere, did not include quite all of what is at present known as the Common, and in response to an article in the warrant for the annual town meeting, held Monday, March 1, 1813, a committee of three persons, Messrs. Frederick Blood, Nathan Green, Jr., and Thomas Heald, were chosen "to buy the land around the meeting-house within the roads, if they can agree with the owners thereof."

The land desired appears to have belonged to Messrs. Reuben Duren and Cyrus Nutting. The committee purchased from Reuben Duren a strip of land, bounding the meeting-house lot on the south and west, estimated to contain one-half acre, more or less, for the sum of thirty dollars. They also purchased from Cyrus Nutting a piece of land bounding the meeting-house lot on the north, containing about six rods, for the sum of nine dollars. These two additions to the original meeting-house lot, which contained one and one-half acres, including all the land within the bounds of the roads, constitute what is now known as the Carlisle Common.

CARLISLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Several times during its existence the town has appropriated money to be expended upon the Common. The largest sum appropriated at any one time was one hundred and twenty dollars, raised in the year 1828, and paid out for labor on the land around the meeting-house. In later years a modern organization, known as the Carlisle Improvement Association, has done much to improve the Common, besides building sidewalks, erecting street-lamps and otherwise beautifying the general appearance of the village.

This society was organized April 8, 1878, with the

following list of officers: President, Prescott Nickles; vice-president, Thomas A. Green; Secretary, Albert S. Day; treasurer, Marshall Lee; executive committee, Gilman Nickles, I. F. Duren, J. F. Carr, Mrs. E. J. Green and Mrs. D. W. Robbins. Considerable money which this society has received from various entertainments given under its auspices, and from membership fees, has been judiciously expended for improving the general appearance of the town.

TOWN HALL

The question of building a town-house appears to have been thought to be worthy of consideration by some of the inhabitants of the town as early as the year 1833, for at a town meeting held on the first day of April in that year, the first article in the warrant read as follows: "To see if the town will agree to build a town-house, etc." The action of the town was to dismiss the article.

Again, at a town meeting, held January 20, 1851, a committee previously appointed to provide a place to hold future town meetings was requested to report at the following March meeting "what would be the estimated expense of erecting a building suitable and convenient for town purposes." The committee reported as follows: "The expense of erecting a wooden building having a ground area of 1468 feet, divided into a town hall, an entrance and two small anterooms, furnished in suitable manner, would be, according to the best information and judgment of the committee, \$1648. It may be doubted whether it would be wise and judicious for the town to erect a building so small as that indicated in the above estimate. It might serve their present wants, but would hardly be suitable to accommodate a greatly increased population, etc." The town concluded in this case to hire

what was known as Parker's Hall for the sum of twenty-five dollars per annum, rather than be at the expense of building.

During the time intervening between the years 1845 and 1854, what was known as Mrs. Wheat's Hall, Parker's Hall, and Union Hall at the First Parish meeting-house, have been from time to time engaged for town purposes. On the latter named date the town engaged Union Hall for town purposes, for the consideration of twelve dollars per year, which price prevailed until the year 1873, when the price was raised to twenty-five dollars per annum, this rate prevailing for more than twenty years. In the year 1918, the town was renting the same hall at an annual rate of one hundred dollars.

At a town meeting held in Union Hall, Monday, March 17, 1890, Article Nine in the warrant read as follows: "To see if the town will vote to build a town hall or otherwise provide a fireproof apartment for the safe-keeping of the town records; also to see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for said purpose." A yea and nay vote was taken on the first section of the above article, resulting in thirty-one yeas, and twenty-seven nays; thus it was voted to build. The next vote passed was to adjourn to Saturday, March 22, at one o'clock p. m.

At the adjourned meeting Daniel W. Robbins was in the chair, and votes were taken on raising various sums of money for building a Town Hall, as follows: \$6000, lost; \$5000, lost; \$250, lost; \$4000, lost; and the meeting dissolved.

At a town meeting called for Saturday, April 5, 1890, the following articles appeared in the warrant:

"ART. II. To see if the town will vote to constitute the Board of Selectmen and Assessors a building committee, they to procure plans and specifications to be pre-

sented to the town for their acceptance at a special meeting in April or May, the meeting to be called by order of said committee."

"ART. III. To see what sum or sums the town will vote to appropriate for the erection of said building."

"ART. IV. To see how much money the town will vote to raise the present year by taxation, toward what may be appropriated for the above-mentioned Town House."

In response to the latter warrant, the voters of Carlisle met and took action as follows: Under Article I, elected Daniel W. Robbins moderator. Voted to adjourn. Thus ended another attempt on the part of the town to own a town hall, needed more especially at this time because of the fireproof feature, for the safe-keeping of the town records demanded by the State.

FIRE ENGINE

In the year 1832 a fire engine was secured, partly by subscription with the balance being paid from the town treasury. The first officers elected were: John S. Baker, master; Isaac Duren, second master; Ai Wheat, clerk. Twenty-one engine men were appointed by the selectmen to work and manage the engine, which was an inferior machine and never of much advantage to the town. The engine was finally sold at auction by the town, in the year 1868, for the sum of six dollars and fifty cents.

THE CARLISLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

On July 21, 1916, a meeting was called to organize a volunteer fire company. The meeting was called to order at eight p. m., Fire Warden George G. Wilkins presiding. On motion it was "voted that a fire company be organ-

ized in Carlisle to be known as The Carlisle Volunteer Fire Company, for the purpose of protecting life and property from fire and especially from forest fires." Nineteen of those present at this meeting signified their desire to join the organization. The chair appointed Messrs. D. C. Whittemore, N. J. Burkett and J. J. Bradley as a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws, and the meeting adjourned.

On September 16, 1916, the second meeting was called and presided over by Fire Warden George G. Wilkins. The committee on constitution and by-laws reported a constitution, containing nine articles, which with certain revisions was generally adopted, and the meeting was adjourned to September 23, 1916. At the adjourned meeting the permanent organization was formed and the following officers were elected by ballot: Captain, George G. Wilkins; Lieutenant, William Foss, Jr.; Clerk, Fred P. Nickles; Treasurer, D. C. Whittemore. Finance Committee, James H. Wilkins, Winthrop Puffer, Roswell Teabo.

Article V of the constitution, referring to membership, makes it imperative that members of the company shall be between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five years, and before admission to membership shall sign the roll, pay one dollar membership fee, and receive a two-thirds vote of members present and voting. The following is a list of members of The Carlisle Volunteer Fire Company, as of March 8, 1919: George G. Wilkins, Eugene R. Teabo, Edson B. Robbins, William Foss, Jr., George E. Heald, Dexter C. Whittemore, John J. Bradley, James H. Wilkins, Fred P. Nickles, Winthrop F. Puffer, Palmer Pedersen, Joseph Grenier, Henry N. Clark, George West, Samuel Kenney, George E. Wilkins, Warren C. Duren, Edwin B. Currier, Harry G. Saunders, E. L. Dow, Arthur C. Blaisdell, Charles R. Miller, Frank Booth, H. F.

Heald, Charles S. Taylor, Edgar I. Blaisdell, Cris Hagan, Martin Olsen, W. S. Barrett, Alfred Pedersen, George I. Otterson, George E. Jones, Michael Lyan, Walter Koford.

The Company's fire-fighting apparatus at the present time (1920) consists of a Ford truck equipped with fire extinguishers and ladders, which are stored in a building on Lowell Street belonging to Mr. A. C. Blaisdell, and for which the town pays the rent.

CHAPTER IV

POST OFFICE

THERE has never been but one post office within the limits of the town of Carlisle. The date of its establishment was March 12, 1834, and Dr. John Nelson was the first postmaster. The following-named persons have successively held the office, and against the name of each appears the time from which their several commissions date: Dr. John Nelson, March 12, 1834; Joseph V. Heald, December 23, 1835; John C. Nickles, April 13, 1842; James W. Wilkins, January 30, 1844; Artemas Parker, July 8, 1846; Lucius Stiles, June 8, 1849; George W. Green, December 2, 1852; John E. Cutter, July 20, 1859; Artemas Parker, November 12, 1861; John H. Champney, June 18, 1867; Charles T. Worthley, March 2, 1868; Sidney A. Bull, July 1, 1870; John S. Gerow, January 14, 1887; Sidney A. Bull, April 10, 1889; John G. Blaisdell, April 11, 1893; W. B. Chamberlin, April 5, 1897; D. L. Chamberlin, April 25, 1898; W. B. Chamberlin, June 29, 1903; D. L. Chamberlin, December 11, 1907.

TOWN REPORT

In the year 1847 it was voted at the March meeting that the receipts and expenses of the town for the past year be printed, and that a copy of the same be furnished to each voter at the subsequent April meeting. This appears to be the first printed annual report of the town officials that the town ever authorized.

TITHINGMEN

The custom of annually choosing tithingmen prevailed in the town until the year 1850. The following is a list of those chosen at the annual March meeting in that year, they being the last ever elected by the town to that position: James W. Wilkins, Samuel P. Stevens, Gilman Nickles, Amos T. Monroe, Austin March, Nathaniel Hutchinson.

TOWN SAFES

In the year 1857 Capt. Thomas Green, Mr. Selar Simons and Mr. Isaac Blaisdell were chosen a committee to purchase a safe for the better protection of the town records. The committee attended to their duties, and the town in settlement for the same paid J. J. Dunklee the sum of forty-five dollars. This was the first safe the town ever owned, and served its purpose until at a town meeting held November 7, 1893, the warrant for said meeting contained the following article: "Art. II. To see what action the town will take in regard to better provision for the public records." "On motion of E. J. Carr it was voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars to purchase a safe for the safe keeping of the town records." "It was also voted that the selectmen purchase the safe," which they did at an expense to the town of ninety-one dollars, including freight and teaming.

The two safes here mentioned are all that the town ever owned previous to the year 1895, the date on which the Gleason Library was erected, in the basement of which is a fireproof vault eight feet square, that supplies the needs of the town in this particular.

APPRAISERS AT TOWN FARM

In the year 1858 Capt. Thomas Green, Cyrus Heald and William Green, 2d, were chosen to appraise property

at the town farm; they were the first ever chosen by the town to that office.

NOON HOUR BELL

An early custom, which has now become obsolete, was that of ringing one of the church bells at the noon hour. This practice was discontinued in Carlisle after the year 1869. It was in the warrant for the annual April meeting for that year that the usual article appeared, viz.: "To see if the town will vote to have the church-bell rung at the noon-hour during the ensuing year." It is recorded that the town voted in response to said article (in a jocular sense, without doubt) "that any man that has a bell shall ring it himself." It would seem that this manner of settling the question was not satisfactory to some of the inhabitants, for another town meeting was called fourteen days later, the warrant for which contained but two articles, the first of which was in relation to having the church bell rung. The town voted that the selectmen be authorized to procure the use of one of the church bells and employ a suitable person to ring the same at twelve o'clock noon, the ensuing year; the article never again appeared in the warrant.

RAILROADS

Carlisle has been unfortunate as regards railroad accommodations, and yet twice, at least, has been called upon to take action in regard to a proposed location for one through the town. The first occasion was on January 15, 1870, when a town meeting was called principally for the purpose of ascertaining if the town would take any action in regard to the proposed railroad from Framingham to Lowell, which would naturally pass through the town. The town voted that a committee of three persons be

appointed by the selectmen, and that they have full power to take such action in reference to the location of the proposed railroad from Framingham to Lowell as will best subserve the interest and convenience of the town, and especially that they be authorized to pledge the town to subscribe twenty thousand dollars to the capital stock of said road.

The committee subsequently appointed by the selectmen were Messrs. Selar Simons, B. F. Heald and William W. Morse. Whatever efforts this committee may have put forth, the result was of but little benefit to the town, as the final location of the road was two and a half miles to the west of the center, barely crossing a corner of its territory, with the depot located just beyond its boundary lines, in the town of Westford.

April 29, 1871, the town voted to take measures to secure a favorable location through its territory for the proposed Middlesex Central Railroad, and chose by ballot a committee of five persons, viz.: Messrs. H. Prescott, William Green, George H. Robbins, Benjamin Barrett and W. W. Morse, to assist in making a survey for said road. The town also voted to be assessed five per cent on its valuation for the purpose of aiding to build the road, if a favorable location should be the result; this, however, was not the case, and the town today is without adequate steam railroad accommodations.

CHAPTER V

EARLY MILITARY HISTORY

THE second district of Carlisle had its birth in the middle of the Revolutionary War period, and demands were frequently made on the district for funds and men to supply her quota for the army. Carlisle appears to have been willing to perform her obligations in this respect, and at a meeting of the district held by adjournment in the meeting-house, July 3, 1780, it was "voted to raise the sum of thirty thousand pounds to be applied toward paying the soldiers, and otherwise discharging such debts as may arise on account of the war."

The following proceedings also recorded of a meeting held February 26, 1781, for the purpose of raising men in response to a call of the Court for same, are but illustrating what was frequently occurring until the close of the war. After the choice of a moderator, "then the orders or Resolves of Court were Read Respecting Raising a number of men to Serve in the Continental army for three years or During the war with Britton. Voted to Chuse a Committee of seven to hire men. Chose Lieut. Isachar Andrews, Capt. Israel Heald, Timothy Wilkins, James Nickles, Zacheus Green, Ephraim Robbins, and Stephen Blood Jun^r, then Capt. Israel Heald, and Lieut. Isachar Andrews, imbodyed the men present at said meeting and went Round in ord. to Se if any was Spirited to Inlist, but none enlisted, when it was voted to adjourn the meeting to monday next at 4 of the Clock in the afternoon."

At the adjourned meeting it was "voted that the

selectmen divide the district into six classes, and require each class to procure a man to serve in the army."

Numerous instances appear on the town records where money was paid for various items for the benefit of the army, such as beef, corn, blankets, various kinds of provisions and necessities; also in several instances a horse was purchased to be sent to the army. The demands were frequent, and in the aggregate amounted to quite an expense to the district, as well as a heavy drain on the men able to perform military duty.

The following list of names of soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War and were credited to the district of Carlisle, also the time of service and compensation for same, was procured from searching the Revolutionary Rolls at the State House and the district records. The list is but approximately complete and doubtless would be more voluminous did it contain all the names of soldiers who served in the war that deserve to be credited to the limits of the district. But since more than four years had elapsed, succeeding the battle of Lexington and Concord, before the second district was incorporated, all soldiers from within its limits previous to this date were credited to the respective towns from which the territory was subsequently taken.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Time of Service</i>	<i>Amount of Pay</i>
Joel Wheeler	6 months	£1155 ..
Asa Wheeler	6 months	1656 ..
Nathan B. Munroe	3 months	900 ..
Abraham Andrews	3 months	248-14s
Daniel Wheat	3 months	1230 ..
Leonard Green	3 months	1410 ..
Thomas Wood	3 months	906 ..
Timothy Wilkins, Jr.	3 months	1325-2
Joseph Nixon	3 months	955-10
Samuel Proctor	6 months	1566 ..

<i>Name</i>	<i>Time of Service</i>	<i>Amount of Pay</i>
Patrick Neff	6 months	£1375-16s
John Crosby	6 months	1800 ..
Paul Lamson	6 months	474-15
Jonathan Heald	3 months	792 ..
Abram Taylor	6 months	1600 ..
James Mackensay		
Mercham Taylor		
Amos Amos		
Ebenezer Stone, Jr.		
Thomas Welch		
Matthew Jennerson		
Peter Oliver		
Phillip Boston		
Barrett Blood		
Thaddeus Parlin		
Joseph Butler, Jr.		

At a district meeting held August 18, 1794, it was voted "that the minute men have Seven Dollars per month in case they Shall be called into actual Service while in Service Including the Continental pay and also give them three Dollars Bounty within twenty days from this time or Sooner if called upon to march and further Voted that the minute men who Shall turn out Voluntarily and enlist Shall have the Same pay which the Town of Concord have agreed to give their minute men."

In compliance with this vote an order was drawn on the district treasurer August 29, 1794, for £13.10.0, "it being the total amount of a bounty at eighteen shillings each which the district voted to give in consideration of their serving as minute men to the following persons: Lieut. Daniel Wheat, Nathan Parlin, Jr., Samuel Hartwell, James Kemp, Reuben Durant, Benjamin Robbins, Thomas Heald, Asa Hartwell, James Russell, Junr., Simon Wheeler,

Nathan Wheeler, Amos Green, Asa Green, Nathaniel Parker, Jr., David Walker."

In the year 1800 a special meeting of the inhabitants of the district was called for Tuesday, April 19. The fourth article in the warrant was as follows: "To See if the District will agree to make provision for their Soldiers at the General muster at Concord, or act on the article as they may think proper." In regard to this article it was "Voted that each Soldier who attends the muster Shall have one pound and an half of Beef of Suitable pieces and one pound and an half of Bread, one third part of a pound of cheese, and one quarter of a pound of powder, and the Company one Barrel of old Cider, and three gallons of W. I. rum a day, and that the Soldiers who do duty in other companies draw as much money as the cost is to each Soldier who draws provision." A committee of three, Deacon Ephraim Robbins, Capt. Timothy Adams and Nathan Green, Jr., were chosen to provide said articles, which they did, as orders subsequently drawn on the treasurer in their favor would go to prove.

That a military organization existed in the district continuously after its incorporation would appear from references often made in the proceedings at the district meetings. On June 11, 1804, it was "voted that the District of Carlisle supply the Training Band with Cartridges, and also furnish two flints for each member, to be forever kept in store for said Band." Capt. Ezekiel Nickles, Lieut. Nathan Heywood and Ensign Abel Nickles were appointed a committee to supply the said articles and it would seem probable that they were the commissioned officers of the organization at that time.

At a town meeting held May 16, 1808, the town "Voted to raise Twenty Five Dollars, to be laid out for powder, to be expended on Independence Day" and also "Voted that the three commissioned officers of the Car-

lisle company be a committee to procure said powder." This is the first recorded appropriation or expenditure of money by the town, for the purpose of celebrating Fourth of July.

A prominent feature in the early history of the district and town of Carlisle is that very many of the male citizens had attached to their names some military title, which would at least tend to show that military affairs claimed a good share of attention. And what would appear more probable than that the experience of a seven-years war, the first battle of which was fought so near to its boundaries that the volleys of the contesting parties might have been distinctly heard, as they reverberated across its fields, should create a military spirit which it would take years to efface?

In the year 1814 the town voted to purchase guns and equipments (said guns and equipments to remain the property of the town) for all those persons required to perform military duty, and who were unable to equip themselves. At the same time it was also voted to procure at the expense of the town for the use of the soldiers sixty canteens, and a few years later knapsacks were provided for what was known as the Carlisle Company. These equipments and arms were stored in the hearse-house, located at the southeast corner of the Central Burying Ground and near the present entrance to the same, in the center of the town.

In the year 1830 and for several subsequent years, it was customary for the town to refund the amount of the poll tax assessed on those persons who performed all the military duty in uniform (which uniform was probably provided at their own expense) required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth, and each year the treasurer was served with a list of persons who would be entitled to have said amount refunded, and ordered to pay the same.

At a town meeting held September 9, 1851, the town voted to accept an invitation from the town of Acton to join with them in the dedication of a monument, which at that time was being erected to the memory of Capt. Isaac Davis and others of Revolutionary fame. The meeting also chose a committee of five, Benjamin Barrett, Joel Boynton, John Jacobs, True Wiggin and Rev. Seth W. Banister, to confer with the Acton committee and make the necessary arrangements. Nothing more is recorded of this affair, but it would seem probable that the citizens of the town participated in the celebration.

In the year 1853 it appears that military ambition was on the wane, and that military drill had been discontinued, for the tenth article in the warrant for the annual April meeting of that year was: "To see if the town will agree to sell the old guns and other articles in the hearse-house belonging to the town." It was voted to have the town treasurer sell the same.

At a town meeting held March 18, 1875, the town was called upon to consider and take action in reference to an invitation extended by the towns of Concord and Lexington, inviting the town of Carlisle to join with them in the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the battle at Concord and Lexington. The following are extracts from resolutions presented by Major Benjamin F. Heald, which were accepted and adopted by the meeting, and which were virtually later carried into effect by the town:

"Whereas the citizens of the town of Concord, on the nineteenth of April next, propose to celebrate in a suitable manner the centennial anniversary of the battle at Concord, and have invited us to join with them in that celebration; and, *Whereas* many of our ancestry largely participated in the events to be commemorated, therefore,

"*Resolved*, that we cordially accept the invitation, and

will attend the celebration as an organized body, with music, and an appropriate banner, and that we will invite the Spaulding Light Cavalry to act as our escort on the occasion."

A committee of nine were chosen by the town to make all necessary arrangements, and included the following-named persons: Stephen Taylor, Selar Simons, George F. Duren, Nathaniel A. Taylor, Edward S. Hutchins, Leonard M. Green, Horace W. Wilson, John W. Heald, George P. Nickles. The committee procured the services of the Dunstable Cornet Band, who for several years have annually mustered at the State encampment at Framingham with the Spaulding Light Cavalry, and who now, as then, turned out mounted on their own horses, and furnished music. Their martial appearance of course added much to the interest of the occasion.

An invitation to act as escort for the citizens of the town was accepted by the Spaulding Light Cavalry, who also turned out with full ranks and as a mounted organization. A large banner, painted especially for the occasion, representing in life size a soldier in Continental dress, was carried by the Carlisle contingent.

On the whole the town was very creditably represented, a large number of her citizens marching in the parade under the cavalry escort.

General Grant, the hero of the Civil War on the side of the Union forces, was then President of the United States, and graced the occasion by his presence. The day, from the standpoint of temperature, was unseasonable, being cloudy, chilly and cold. A large concourse of people were present, and many developed colds, which in some cases proved fatal.

As the organizations were returning to Carlisle, and were within about a quarter of a mile of the village, a dead calf was discovered hung high up on a tall pine tree, bearing

the inscription: "Dinner for the Centennial Committee." While this caused no little merriment to most of those witnessing the affair, at least one member of the Committee felt extremely incensed; so much so that by almost superhuman effort he at once climbed the tree and with his pocket knife cut loose the entire exhibit.

A bountiful dinner was prepared by the ladies of Carlisle, and served to the members of the Spaulding Light Cavalry and the Dunstable Cornet Band on their return after the day's exercises in Concord.

The sum of five hundred dollars was voted and appropriated by the town to pay the expense of the celebration. Of this amount the sum of three hundred and forty-eight dollars was used by the committee to pay the bills. Three delegates from the town, Messrs. Paul G. Forbush, Albert Boynton and Benjamin F. Blaisdell, were chosen to represent Carlisle at Lexington, and were present at the centennial exercises there.

CHAPTER VI

PAUPERS

THE number of paupers cared for by the district in the year 1796 was five, and it was voted at the annual district meeting “that they be put out in the usual way,” which was that they be vendued, or auctioned off to the parties who would care for them for the least compensation. They were put out in this way for periods varying in time from three months to a year, according to the vote of the district, but usually for a period of six months, and the vendue for a number of years took place at the home of Mr. Timothy Wilkins, he often being vendue master. Annually the district, and subsequently the town, until about the year 1830, paid bills for liquor used on these vendue occasions. The following order, copied from the town records, is a sample of others found there and gives a glimpse of the customs as they were then:

“Carlisle, Feb. 3, 1806.

“To Mr. Nathan Green, Treasurer: Please pay out of the town’s money to Mr. Samuel Brown the sum of one dollar, it being for his finding six mugs of toddy last April when the poor were vendued.

“By order of the Selectmen.

“JONATHAN HEALD, *Town Clerk.*”

Orders were drawn on the town treasurer from time to time, as occasion required, when one and another of the town paupers died, for funds in payment for coffins for their burial. These coffins were usually made by some resident of the town, and the price charged for years, on either side of the year 1800, ranged from one dollar and a

half to two dollars and a half each. Such a sum at the present day would at least be considered a very modest charge for the article named.

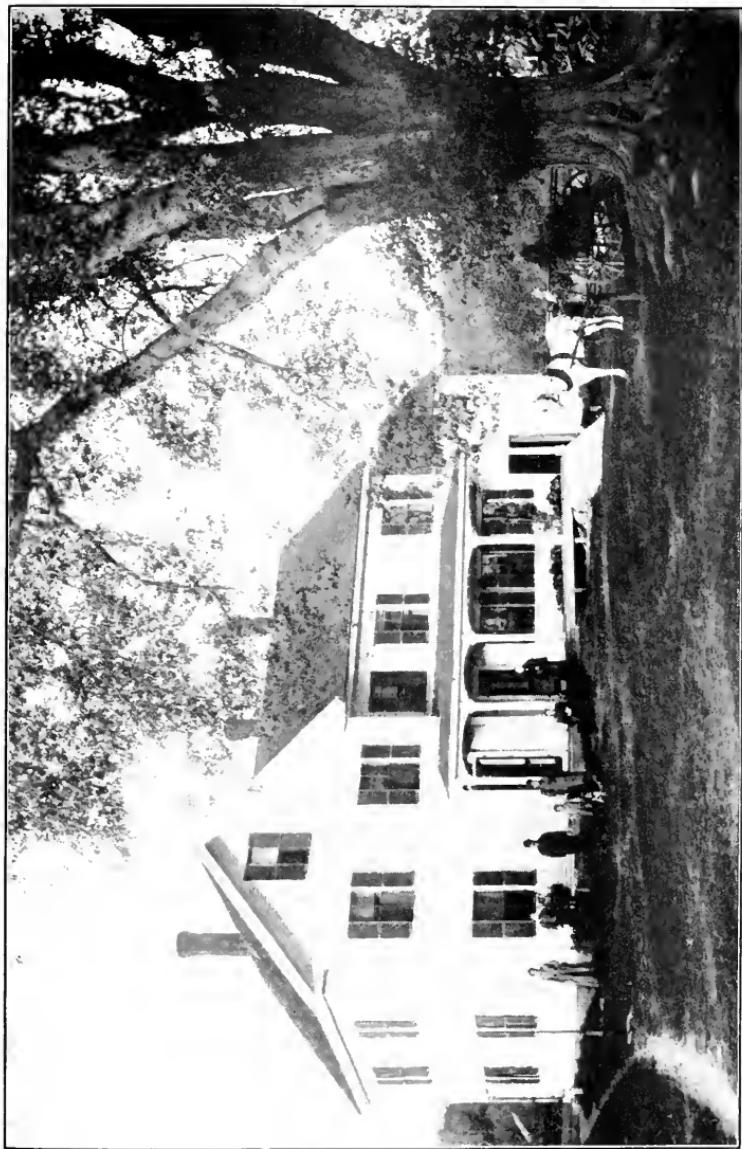
TOWN FARM

As has been previously stated, "letting out" the paupers to the best financial advantage, formerly by auction, and later by bargain between the selectmen and the contracting parties, was the practice of the town until about the year 1852. In the warrant for the annual April town meeting in the year 1850, the seventh article reads as follows: "To see if the town will take any measures to purchase a poor-farm, or act thereon." The town voted to dismiss the article. This was the first action taken by the town regarding the ownership of a home for the accommodation of their poor.

No more efforts in this direction on the part of the town appear to have been put forth until nearly two years later, when, at the annual March meeting in the year 1852, a committee of five persons were chosen to gather information and report, at the next April meeting, the terms at which farms in the town suitable for a poor farm could be purchased. Their report was quite lengthy, giving the particulars concerning seven farms which they had examined, one of which was a farm in the possession of John W. Holland, of Lowell, containing, as stated, one hundred and sixty-two acres of land, the price of which was two thousand nine hundred dollars, an amount that part of the committee considered reasonable.

This farm, the committee state in their report, was the only one on which they could agree (all things considered) to recommend to the town for its favorable consideration, should the town decide to purchase. In concluding their report the committee state that the annual average cost of supporting the poor for the past twelve

TOWN FARM DWELLING



years had been \$424.87½. The foregoing report, which was given at the April town meeting, was accepted, and a committee of three, Messrs. Thomas Green, True Wiggin and Jonas Parker, were chosen to purchase for the town the Holland farm, and take a deed of the same.

The committee were instructed to make a report of their proceedings at the next town meeting, which they did on the eighth of November following, stating that they had purchased the George Nickles farm (so called) for the sum of two thousand nine hundred dollars, and that they had paid down the sum of nine hundred dollars, and given their note on demand, to John W. Holland, at six per cent interest, for the balance of two thousand dollars. The town voted to accept and adopt the report of the committee and authorized their treasurer to give the town's security for the notes given by the committee and also voted to raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be used for the purpose of furnishing the farm and supporting the poor.

At a town meeting held November 3, 1868, the town voted to authorize the overseers of the poor to procure material sufficient to repair the barn at the town farm, as they thought necessity required. Very little was done, however, until the year 1870, when the barn was enlarged, repaired and made nearly new, at an expense to the town of \$1124.24.

At a town meeting held November 2, 1880, the town voted "that the overseers of the poor be authorized to sell the wood on the town farm, and that the amount of sales be appropriated toward the town debt." Before the close of the fiscal year, which ended March 1, 1881, the overseers had sold a certain lot of wood from the farm for which they received the sum of two thousand twenty-five dollars, which money was appropriated as required by the provisions of the foregoing vote.

Now that the barn on the town farm had been put in good repair, and the condition of the house being bad, and scarcely suitable for a dwelling, the attention of the town was directed toward a change in this particular, and at a town meeting held March 21, 1881, the town voted to build a new house on the town farm, and at a subsequent town meeting held April 23, voted to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for said purpose, and that the money be expended under the supervision of the selectmen.

The contract for putting in the cellar was subsequently given to Mr. Frank S. Bartlett for the sum of \$225, and for furnishing material and building the house Mr. H. W. Wilson was paid the sum of \$1975. Extra work and various incidentals required in erecting the building, added to the above amounts, made the entire cost of the building when completed the sum of \$2592.32.

CHAPTER VII

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLHOUSES

As has been previously noted, the district of Carlisle was early divided into six squadrons or districts for school purposes, and school sessions were annually held in the various districts, although it was some years before there were any school buildings. The practice prevailed in early days of hiring a room from some resident in each district to be used as a schoolroom, the owner receiving remuneration from the town.

In the year 1796, at the annual district meeting, it was voted to raise the sum of six hundred dollars for the purpose of building schoolhouses; probably a part or all of this money was used for the purpose for which it was voted.

The first school committee were elected by the district in the year 1800, when the selectmen were delegated to this office, their duty being to see that schools were maintained in the districts, agreeable to law.

In the year 1818, at a meeting of the inhabitants of the Centre School district, held in the meeting-house on the twenty-third day of March, it was "voted to erect a schoolhouse in said district." This meeting was adjourned to April 13, at which adjourned meeting it was "voted to build the schoolhouse on the top of the hill south of the meeting-house." Also "voted to build with brick, and that the building shall be twenty-one feet square, with a porch," after which it was "voted that seventy-five dollars, which would be the district's proportion of the money raised by the town for schooling,

be appropriated for the purpose of erecting the building." It was further "voted that the district be taxed, in addition to said sum, for the amount of two hundred and thirty dollars for the above-mentioned purpose." Deacon John Green, Nathan Green, Jr., and John Jacobs were chosen as a building committee.

In the year 1828, the inhabitants of the North School district voted that the district be assessed for the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of building a schoolhouse in said district. The contract for erecting the building was awarded to Benjamin Barrett, Jr., for which he was paid the sum of \$553.62. It was thoroughly repaired in the year 1869 at an expense to the town of \$582.52.

In the year 1837, the number of school districts was reduced from six, which had existed up to the last-named date, to five. A committee appointed by the town to investigate the circumstances and report on the advisability of said change, reported in its favor, and included in their report the bounds of division of the several districts, which report was accepted and adopted by the town.

In the year 1839, the inhabitants of the East School district voted to raise, by tax, the amount of one hundred and seventy dollars, to build a new schoolhouse in said district. This building was destroyed by fire in the early part of the year 1869, and was rebuilt during the same year at a total expense to the town of \$1574.10.

On December 11, 1839, the inhabitants of the South School district voted to raise the sum of seventy dollars by tax, to be appropriated toward defraying the expense of building a new schoolhouse in their district.

On May 28, 1840, by vote of the inhabitants of the West School district, they agreed to be assessed for the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, for the

purpose of building a new schoolhouse in their district. Consequently it appears that within the space of twenty-two years, or between the years 1818 and 1840, five new schoolhouses were built in the town, or one for each school district. This seems to have sufficed until the year 1848, when District No. 1, in the center of the town voted to raise six hundred dollars by tax, to build a new schoolhouse, the lot of land on which it was to be located having been given to the town for the purpose by Mr. William Green.

The schoolhouse in the South School district having been entirely consumed by fire during the latter part of the year 1886, a town meeting was called for January 12, 1887, at which the town voted "to erect a schoolhouse in said district to replace the one recently destroyed by fire, at an expense to the town not to exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars, including furniture. Messrs. H. Prescott, Artemas Taylor and John P. Davis were chosen for a building committee, who proceeded with the task assigned them, and in due time presented the town with the result of their labors, which included the building in a finished state, furnished and ready for use, at an expense to the town of \$805.08. Owing to certain changes in the school system, this building was not required for school purposes, and was sold by the town in 1891 to Capt. H. W. Wilson for the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars.

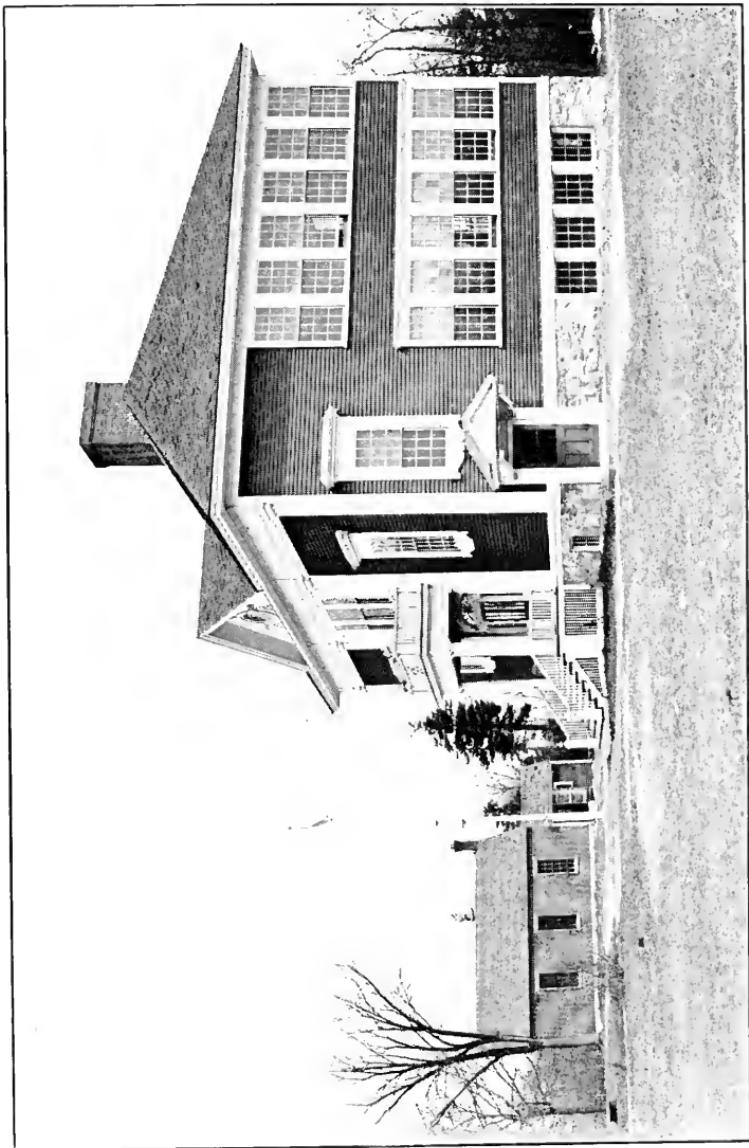
In the year 1892, there began to be a conviction in the minds of some of the inhabitants of the town that better educational results could be obtained by having a graded school located in the center of the town, and including a plan for transporting the pupils to and from said school, than were being obtained by the prevailing district system. In response to this opinion the warrant for the annual town meeting, held Monday, March 21,

1892, contained two articles relating to the matter as follows: "Art. XII. To see if the town is in favor of consolidating the schools. Voted to dismiss the article. Art. XIII. To see if the town will furnish suitable accommodations for all the schools at the center of the town, or do anything in relation to the same? Voted that a committee of three be nominated from the floor, to report at a future town meeting on a suitable location, and cost of land and school building, with plan of same, suitable to accommodate all the scholars of the town."

The committee were nominated, but nothing seems to have been accomplished. The matter, however, was not dropped, for from the latter-named date to February 10, 1908, nine town meetings were called, each warrant containing articles to be voted upon, referring to the proposed change in the school system. Seven of these were special town meetings, and five were called by petition. At three meetings it was voted to build; at four meetings committees were chosen; but when it came to raising and appropriating funds, the necessary two-thirds vote could not be obtained, and there were no results.

At the annual town meeting, held Monday, March 5, 1906, on motion of Dexter C. Whittemore, it was "voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars or such part thereof as may be necessary, to be expended by the incoming board of selectmen in digging a well on the schoolhouse grounds." This resulted in the sinking of a well on the schoolhouse grounds at the center of the town, at a total cost to the town of two hundred and fifty-five dollars.

In response to a petition of F. H. Billington and others, a special town meeting was called for Monday evening, February 10, 1908, the business to be considered being as follows: "Art. II. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the mass meeting of January 20,



HIGHLAND SCHOOLHOUSE

1908." This committee consisted of Thomas A. Green, F. H. Billington and D. L. Chamberlin. Their report stated, in substance, that the existing school buildings in town did not have the two hundred and fifty cubic feet of air space for each pupil that the State law requires, that it was impossible with stoves to maintain an even temperature in the rooms and corridors of seventy degrees, as required by law, and to have proper ventilation. The cost of remodeling the present school buildings to comply with the State law would be two thousand dollars, and another building in addition would be required to accommodate the pupils.

The committee had secured plans and estimates for a suitable school building, from a number of architects, and four were presented to the meeting, varying in cost from eight to nine thousand dollars each.

"On motion of George R. Duren, voted to accept the report of the committee and place it on file; also to extend to them a vote of thanks."

Article III related to finances, and it was moved by Thomas A. Green, "that the town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars for the purpose of providing funds for the erection of a new schoolhouse, and that the treasurer, with the advice of the selectmen, be instructed to borrow the same. That bonds or notes of the town be issued therefor, payable at such times as shall extinguish the debt within fifteen years, and that one-fifteenth of this sum be assessed at the time of the assessment of the annual tax following this meeting." The motion prevailed, the vote being thirty yeas and fifteen nays. Article IV related to a committee, and "on motion of George R. Duren, voted that Frank H. Billington, Daniel L. Chamberlin and Thomas A. Green serve as a building committee, with full powers to act for the town."

The above-named building committee proceeded at once to secure bids for the erection of the new building that would come within the limits of the appropriation, and awarded contracts as follows: stonework, R. Wilson Dix; carpenter work, Charles E. Parkhurst; brick work, J. Harry Wilkins; paving, James W. Long; plastering, Wilfred Lorrain; painting, Ole Linsted; heating, Carroll Brothers. The building as completed is nearly square in shape, two stories high, has four schoolrooms, and a teachers' room over the hallway in the front. In the basement are children's playrooms, and a heating plant, including two furnaces and a boiler. The system of ventilation conforms to the requirements of the State inspectors of public buildings, and is supposed to be the best. The cost, including plans and supervision by the architect, was \$8325. The schoolhouse is located on "Schoolhouse Hill" near the site of former schoolhouses that had served the Center district, and was erected with a great degree of celerity, it being ready for use, and occupied for school purposes for the first time, during the week preceding Christmas in the year 1908 or, in other words, during the same year that the committee in charge were given authority to build. The townspeople appear to appreciate the graded school system thus introduced, and the pupils are doubtless profiting by the advantages over the old district system.

At a special town meeting held Monday, November 16, 1908, on motion of Herbert A. Lee, it was "voted that the school committee be authorized to sell the Grammar schoolhouse by public auction, and that the proceeds, less the cost of sale, be appropriated to pay school expenses." This building was originally located in the East School district, and there used for school purposes, but because of plans subsequently adopted by the School Board, its use was not longer required there, and it was

moved to the Center School lot, and used there for school purposes, until the erection of the new graded school building. The building was sold for one hundred and twenty-five dollars to Fred C. Cook and moved away. The lot on which it originally stood in the East School district was sold in 1908 to W. C. Duren for twelve dollars. At the annual town meeting, held Monday, March 19, 1900, it was voted to sell the schoolhouse in the West School district and D. W. Robbins, James E. Taylor and E. J. Carr were chosen as a committee for the purpose. It was finally sold to Frank E. Wilkins for \$27.50. At the annual town meeting held on Monday, March 6, 1916, it was "voted that a committee to consist of the incoming board of selectmen be authorized to sell the North schoolhouse, with full discretionary powers as to the manner of sale." This building was not sold, however, but with this exception this seems to mark the final disposition of all the school buildings that composed the district school system, and the town pupils are now receiving the superior advantages of a graded school at the center of the town.

CHAPTER VIII

CENTENNIAL

THE town of Carlisle passed its centennial on Saturday, February 18, 1905. Just one hundred years before, Gov. Caleb Strong signed the act of the Massachusetts Legislature incorporating the district of Carlisle into a town by the name of Carlisle. There was no formal anniversary celebration in honor of this occasion, but some of the Boston and Lowell newspapers published historical articles about the town, as well as pictures of some of its public buildings and prominent features, including the Unitarian Church, the Gleason Library and the Soldiers' Monument.

We wonder just how Carlisle appeared at the time it was made a town. We know all the public buildings of a hundred years later and the beautiful Soldiers' Monument were not there; even the old hearse house, which also served as a shelter for the arms and ammunition of the military company, as well as for the sixty-five-dollar hearse, was not built until five years later.

If there was a schoolhouse in the Center district it was very insignificant and would hardly be recognized as such in comparison with the modern building now crowning "Schoolhouse Hill."

The records, however, reveal the fact that there was a meeting-house, owned and supported by the town, where the citizens of the town were supposed to attend religious services twice on every Sabbath day; also there was a "noon house" near by, where tradition informs us

the owners provided a liberal supply of wood, cider and apples, causing it to be heated on Sabbath days in cold weather, and whither they, with their friends, repaired to have refreshments and spend the time intervening between the morning and afternoon service. There were probably two or three stores where crackers and cheese, codfish, loaf sugar and a few groceries were sold, but more particularly West India rum and molasses. In those times a town was not considered to be properly furnished without a complement of taverns, where the farmers from the back country going to Salem or Boston with their ox-teams loaded with grain, pork, beef, poultry, wood or lumber, could stop for refreshments and feed. The author has been informed by some of the older inhabitants that there was a time when there were five taverns within the limits of the town.

As regards dwellings, there may have been more in number when the act of incorporation was signed than there were one hundred years later. There are some deserted cellars about the town that indicate a former dwelling, and the census shows the population of the town to have decreased by more than one hundred inhabitants at the close of its first century.

These were also the days when the horses, the cattle and the swine were allowed to roam the highways and parks; they were in reality the lawn mowers and the cultivators for that portion of the town at that period.

No telegraph, telephone or electric light poles and wires disfigured the streets and nature was scarcely disturbed. Candles and sperm oil lamps were the principal luminants for the nights indoors.

The women could don a prim calico or gingham gown and enjoy making an afternoon call. The men, if they had acquired the habit of using tobacco, were sure they got the genuine article. The children, if they happened to

play in the streets, were not in danger of being run down by an automobile.

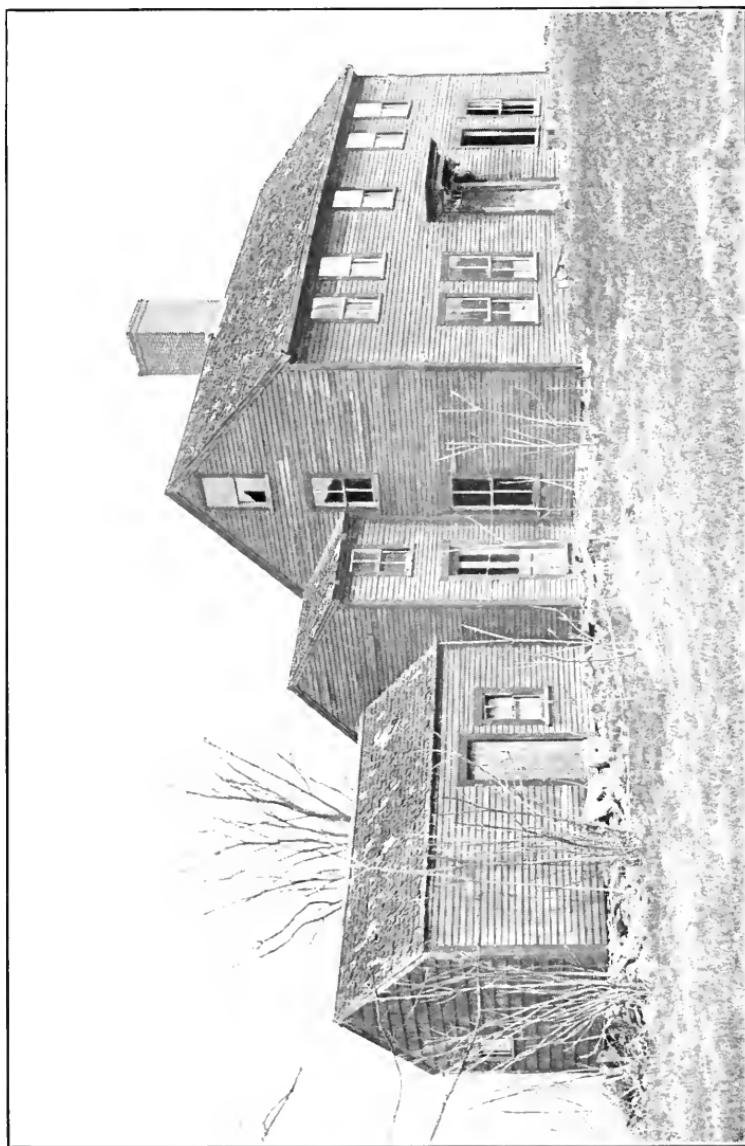
And so we might continue such contrasts, but the early Carlisle could not of course compare with the neat, modern Carlisle of today, with its good churches, schools and library, good roads, and system of telephone and electric service which furnish the town with the most modern system of communication, and dwelling and street lighting.

REVOLUTIONARY TAVERN

Carlisle has a relic within its borders that perhaps few of its citizens know of historically, and possibly do not appreciate sufficiently. Reference is made to the old Revolutionary Tavern, located on what is now known as Stearns Street, but which was originally the main road to Concord Bridge, the only bridge over the Concord River at that date. This building existed when Carlisle was formed a district, in 1780, and when the Revolutionary War was in progress its owner, Nathan Green, used it for tavern purposes.

Among his guests were English officers and soldiers, paroled prisoners. They had a good supply of English gold, which they enjoyed displaying, much to the amusement of the citizens, who at that time were dealing with Continental bills of credit, which were very much depreciated in value. These "red coats" spent much of their time gambling, while sitting on the lawn benches about the tavern, and thus exchanged their gold.

The building in size is thirty-three by sixteen feet, two stories high, faces the south, has a lean-to on the north, and an ell on the west. The architecture, arrangement and fittings are those of the Revolutionary period. There are large beams overhead in the rooms, old-fashioned thumb-latches on the doors, wide partition boards



REVOLUTIONARY TAVERNS

between the rooms, a large brick chimney in the center of the house, with large fireplaces in the rooms; the lean-to also gives the premises an air of early design.

The view from the east chamber windows is one of great fascination, embracing a vast extent of valley, to the Billerica hills beyond, and may well be considered worthy a deal of effort to witness.

A large, symmetrical and stately elm is a dooryard decoration for this historic building, which has been sadly neglected, and will soon deteriorate very fast. The Revolutionary Tavern is probably one of the oldest buildings in this vicinity, and as a worthy relic of early days, it should be preserved. This information concerning the tavern was given the author in 1918 by Mr. Charles Forbush, in his seventy-eighth year. He received it when a boy from Mr. Asa Green, son of Nathan Green, who was the tavern keeper and owner of the premises during the Revolutionary period.

FLAG-STAFFS AND FLAGS

Carlisle has had two flag-staffs previous to 1920, both having been erected in the same location, near the center of the Common. The tree for the main staff for each was given by the late William Green, who was a resident of the town. Money for defraying the expense of erecting the first staff was obtained by subscription, solicited by Mr. Nathaniel Hutchinson, in the year 1861, who procured in all the sum of \$137.50, one hundred dollars of which was used to erect the staff and purchase a top-mast, and the remainder to purchase a flag.

At the raising of this flag, after the erection of the first staff, public exercises were held on the Common, A. R. Brown, Esq., of Lowell, being the principal speaker.

On March 21, 1887, the town voted "to raise and

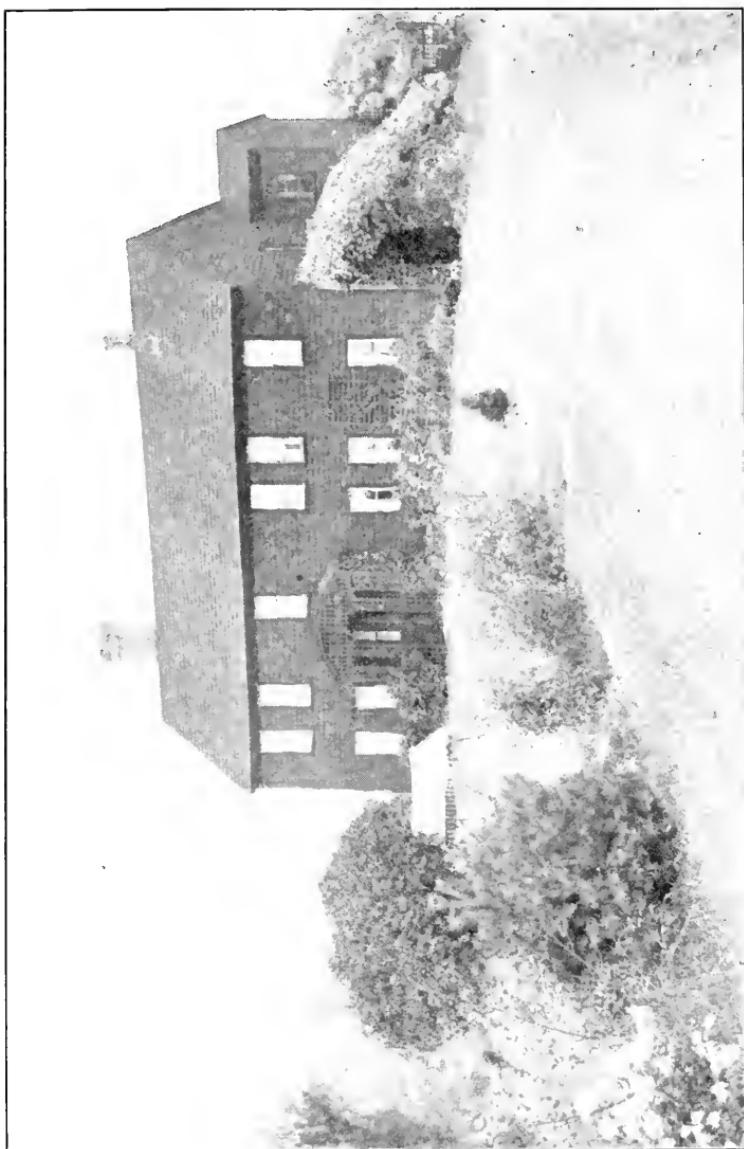
appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to erect a flag-staff in connection with the offer of Mr. William Green," and the selectmen were chosen as a committee to carry out the provisions of the vote. Of the above appropriation the sum of \$96.85 was expended during said year for labor, top-mast and incidentals. In the year 1907 the town appropriated one hundred dollars for a new top-mast and flag. Of this amount eighty-seven dollars was expended, twenty dollars of which was the cost of the flag.

TOWN SEAL

At a town meeting held Tuesday, November 2, 1897, the following action was taken: "Art III. To see if the town will vote to procure a seal for the town?" It was "voted to purchase a corporate seal" and the following committee were appointed by the chair to purchase the same: George R. Duren, Charles Forbush and Warren B. Chamberlin. The imprint of the town seal is as follows: "Town of Carlisle, Massachusetts. Incorporated a district April 19, 1754, a town February 18, 1805." This is the first seal the town ever had.

HOME OF REV. AND MRS. BENSON P. WILKINS

The "old Hodgman house" situated nearly one mile from the village, off the Westford road, is one of the oldest structures in Carlisle, having been built by John Jacobs in 1783. The house was originally much smaller than it is now. The first building included the eastern portion as far as the east wall of the present front hall; the date when the western portion was added is undetermined. The Revolutionary style is apparent both in line and decoration, especially so in the dining room which contains boxed beams and a perfect specimen of a



HOME OF REV. AND MRS. BENSON PERLEY WILKINS, CARLISLE

circular corner cupboard with fluted pilasters and colonial moldings. Three large fireplaces and a brick oven still remain in excellent condition.

John Jacobs brought his bride (Mabel Litchfield) to this new house after their marriage in Scituate, December 15, 1783, and here they remained nearly sixty years, during which time Mr. Jacobs served the town as clerk for six years and selectman for seven years. He became a deacon of the Congregational Church and the custody of the church property was handed over to him in 1827.

Ten children were born in this home and the son, John Jr., remained here after the death of his father (June 27, 1841). He also served the town as clerk six years, and was representative in 1851 and member of the constitutional convention in 1853. He was a mason by trade and the wall front of Green Cemetery is a monument to his skill. He died October 11, 1876.

After his death, Abel G. Hodgman, a farmer, became the owner of this property. While he and his wife occupied the house, the older portion of it was remodelled by removing two of the original five fireplaces, substituting a smaller chimney for the use of stoves. New four-pane windows replaced the windows containing fifteen small panes in a few of the rooms. Mr. Hodgman did some farming, and also did blacksmithing and carriage repairing in a building now entirely gone, which stood west of the house, and very near. It was used as a cider mill by Mr. Jacobs.

After Mr. and Mrs. Hodgman both died, Capt. H. W. Wilson bought the place in order to secure the wood lots. Wood choppers occupied the house at intervals, but gradually the old house took on a forlorn and neglected appearance. The farm degenerated to a pasture over which the cattle roamed. Eventually the house, barn and part of the land was acquired by a Danish

couple, Mr. and Mrs. Viggs I. Lassen of Cambridge, Mass., who were in search of a suitable place for a small chicken farm as well as a healthful spot in which to live. They remained here four years, making very few improvements.

In the spring of 1916 the place was sold to Rev. and Mrs. Benson Perley Wilkins, of Keene Valley, N. Y. Extensive improvements were made both outside and inside the house and barn and once more "the home lot" became something better than a pasture. None of the Revolutionary architectural lines were removed from the buildings, but arbors and trellises were added, serving to beautify them and also provide a support for an abundance of vines and flowers. The interior of the house was entirely renovated, preserving, however, the weathered wood, the boxed beams, wide-boarded floors, colonial cupboards and brick fireplaces.

Rev. Mr. Wilkins, whose health improved after coming to Carlisle, became the minister of the Carlisle Congregational Church in March, 1919, and after fourteen months' service was obliged to resign because of continued ill health. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins and their daughter Doris still reside in this fine old house on the hill, whose colonial windows have looked out upon a worthy community for one hundred and thirty-seven years.

CHAPTER IX

BURYING GROUNDS

THERE appears to have been no provision made for a public burying ground previous to the year 1784, when at a meeting of the inhabitants of the district, held April 5, it was "voted that there be one-half acre of Land Provided for the use of a burying place including the spot of ground that hath been made use of for that purpose already." At the same meeting a committee of three persons were chosen to confer and settle with Mr. Wilkins for said land.

A little more than three years later two sums of money were paid out of the treasury for land purchased for a burying place, viz.: to Timothy Wilkins, 3d, the sum of ten shillings, and to Timothy Wilkins, Jr., the sum of sixteen shillings, which was the proportional part due each of the above-named parties who, it would appear, were joint owners of the land now known as the Central Burying Ground, located in the center of the town, and at present seldom used for burial purposes. The markers all stand facing the east, and indicate the period of slate with the exception of two or three marble slabs and one monument. Here rests the body of the first minister who was settled in the district, the Rev. Paul Litchfield; also the remains of many of the first settlers. The inscriptions on many of the stones which commemorate their names bear numerous military and ecclesiastical titles.

That interments were made here previous to its being purchased by the district for burial purposes would

seem evident from the inscriptions found on some of the stones, which date back as far as 1778, and doubtless some who still earlier found a resting place here, have no stone erected to their memory.

In later years it became apparent that more room would be required for burial purposes, and Rev. Paul Litchfield offered the town a piece of land to be used for the purpose, in consideration of which the town appointed a committee to view the same and report to the town their opinion of its adaptability for said purpose. This committee made their report in town meeting November 6, 1826, which was accepted, and the town clerk was instructed in behalf of the town "to return the Rev. Mr. Litchfield their thanks for his kind offer, although their committee could not recommend the land as a suitable place for a burying ground." The question of procuring additional land continued to be agitated from time to time at subsequent town meetings, and several times the advisability of purchasing an addition to what was known as Green Burying Ground had been considered. The Green Burying Ground was a tract of land containing about half an acre, located about half a mile southeast of the center of the town on the main road to Bedford. This land had been set apart and given by Mr. John Green, to be used by the Greens exclusively (who represented a considerable per cent of the population of the town) for the purpose of a burial spot. From time to time, however, permission was given others to make interments there, until nearly all the available space was taken up. The markers here also indicate the era of slate, nearly all being slate slabs erected according to the early custom of facing the rising sun.

In the fall of the year 1831 a committee of three persons, consisting of Mr. Silas Green, Mr. Thomas Heald and Deacon John Green, were chosen by the town

to purchase a piece of land for the purpose of enlarging Green Burial Ground. It is probable that they attended to the duties to which the town had delegated them, but it was not until the April meeting in the year 1837 that the town "voted to pay Mr. Leonard Green the sum of twenty-five dollars for half an acre of land to enlarge Green Burial Ground, and cause the same to be enclosed by a fence."

In the year 1841 the town voted at the May meeting to lay out said burial ground in lots, and chose for a committee to carry out the provisions of said vote the three following-named persons: Capt. Thomas Green, Deacon John Green and Capt. Ezekiel Nickles.

In the year 1863 the town purchased of Capt. Thomas Green one acre of land as an addition to the Green Burying Ground, which addition increased its area to two acres. At a town meeting held April 2, 1866, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of building a wall in front of the cemetery. Two years later a committee reported having expended for the purpose of building said wall, and for a number of stone bounds, the sum of \$116.73, and also for gates erected at the two entrances the sum of eleven dollars. The wall was built by Mr. John Jacobs.

In the year 1870 the town appropriated the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of purchasing and planting ornamental trees and shrubs in and around Green Cemetery; and at the annual April town meeting held the next year a committee of three were chosen to have general charge and superintendence of the burial grounds. This committee comprised Messrs. Benjamin Barrett, Prescott Nickles and Selar Simons, chosen for one, two and three years respectively. They attended to planting the trees and shrubs before referred

to, and may properly be called the first cemetery committee appointed by the town. Since that date the custom of annually appointing a cemetery committee has prevailed.

GREEN SUMMER HOUSE

Near the center of Green Cemetery is located a very pretty octagon-shaped summer house of symmetrical proportions and about ten feet high. The roof is tin covered and a piazza surrounds the entire building. Inside are benches built in for seats, and in the center of the building is a table bearing a marble tablet, on which is inscribed the following:

“This building erected July 8, 1874, and presented to the town of Carlisle by Miss H. L. C. Green.

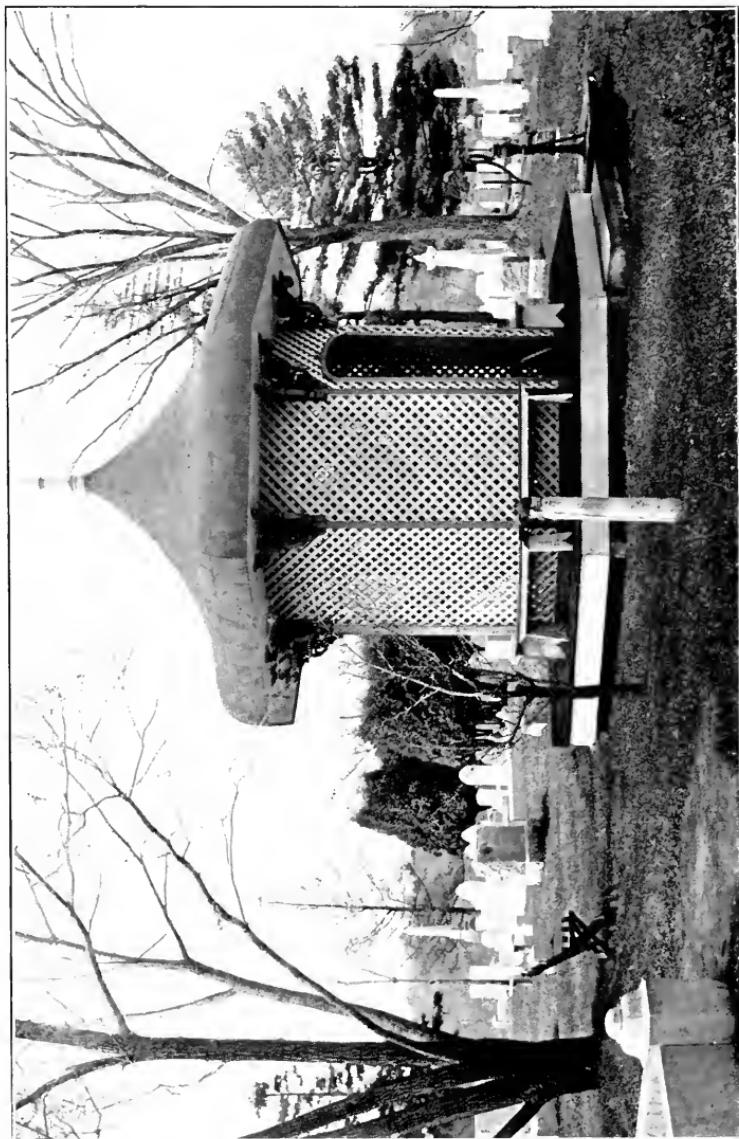
“So live with men, as if God’s curious eye,
Did everywhere into thy actions spy;
Strive to live well, tread in the upright ways,
And rather count thy actions than thy days.”

At a town meeting held April 5, 1875, the town formally accepted the building, and passed resolutions of gratitude to be extended to the donor, and also agreed to keep the building in good repair and to have it appropriately dedicated. The following is a copy of the letter embodying the resolutions authorized by the town, which were forwarded to Miss Green:

“To Miss Hannah L. C. Green,

Dear Madam: I have the pleasure, as an official of the town of Carlisle, of transmitting to you the united expression of gratitude and kindly feeling of the citizens of said town, as embodied in the following preamble and resolutions offered by Major B. F. Heald, in town meeting, April 5, 1875, and unanimously accepted.

Whereas, it appears by the report of our cemetery committee, just made, that Miss Hannah L. C. Green



GREEN SUMMER HOUSE, GREEN CEMETERY

has at her own expense caused to be erected in Green Cemetery an elegant and convenient summer house, and that she now offers it as a free gift for the acceptance of the town, therefore

Resolved, that we gratefully accept the magnificent gift of Miss Green; that we will keep it in good repair and that in all time we will cherish it as a memento of her liberality and public spirit.

Resolved, that our cemetery committee at such time as they deem proper, have said house appropriately dedicated, and that they be instructed to engage the services of some suitable person to deliver an address upon the occasion.

Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, signed by the town clerk, be transmitted to Miss Green.

In conformity to this last resolve, this paper is attested and respectfully submitted.

AUSTIN MARSH, *Town Clerk.*

Carlisle, April 24, 1875."

The dedication took place in the summer of the latter-named year; an assembly of the townspeople were present, also the donor, Miss H. L. C. Green. The dedicatory address was delivered by Rev. James T. Powers, from the piazza of the building, and a mixed quartette rendered appropriate vocal selections.

March 18, 1878, the town voted to establish a public watering place at Green Cemetery roadside, for which purpose a well was dug about midway of the cemetery, and outside the enclosure, and a pump and trough were installed. During the year 1880 a concrete walk was laid at the west entrance to Green Cemetery at an expense of \$52.25 to the town.

In the northwest corner is the oldest part of Green Cemetery, and here the earliest interments were made.

some of them dating back as far as the year 1785. A stone is here erected to the memory of Sarah, wife of Asa Parlin, who was at that date clerk of the district; also one to the memory of Lieut. Asa Green, bearing the date 1785. In near proximity to these is a slate slab three and one-half feet tall, bearing the ancient representation of an angel's head and wings at top, and pillars on sides, with the following inscription:

“In memory of Mr. Simon Blood, Jun.
who died
Nov. 7, 1793
in y^c 47th y^r. of his age.”

“His generous donations to public uses do honor to his memory and will preserve his name to posterity.

“Naked as from the earth we came
And erexit to life at first.
We to the earth return again
And mingle with our dust.”

This quotation marks the resting-place of one who served the district in its infancy in the various capacities of schoolteacher, town treasurer for two years, selectman for ten years, having been a member of the first Board chosen by the district, and holding the office at the date of his decease. He was one of the first and largest donors to the interests of the district. His name deserves to be perpetuated and his grave, in the absence of relatives, should be kept green by a posterity who are enjoying the benefits of his liberality.

In the southwest section, near the hearse house, are interred the remains of her to whom the town is indebted for the donation which called into existence the Soldiers' Monument, erected in the center of the town. The lot is enclosed with a granite curbing, and a granite monument marks the spot, the inscription reading as follows:



HEALD MEMORIAL ARCH

"Lydia A. G.
wife of William Farrar
died Sept. 27, 1881
Aged 70 years, 9 mo., 12 days."

Near the center of the cemetery, and back of the summer house located on Main Avenue, is a double marble tablet erected "To the memory of Abel Taylor, Jr. and wife." His death occurred December 16, 1887, "aged 82 years 7 mo. 13 days." His wife preceded him by a few years. His munificence, shown by the legacy left by will to the Union Calvinistic Society, will always be remembered with gratitude by those who worship with this society, of which both he and his wife were members at the time of their decease. The tablet bears the motto: "We part to meet again."

The remains of but two clergymen rest in the town, those of the first minister, Rev. Paul Litchfield, interred in the Central Burying Ground; while in Green Cemetery a granite tablet marks the place where rest the remains of one who served as pastor at the Unitarian Church for upward of eight years; the inscription on the tablet reads as follows:

"In memory of
Rev. James T. Powers
1828 — 1888

The joys of those with God in heaven can never end."

At the annual town meeting held on Monday, March 15, 1897, the warrant contained the following article: "Art. II. To see if the town will vote to buy or take land of Thomas A. Green, for the enlargement of Green Cemetery or act anything thereon." It was "Voted to instruct the selectmen to purchase land of Thomas A. Green, for the enlargement of Green Cemetery for four hundred dollars, within three months."

The provisions of this vote were consummated; the

area of the purchase was four acres which, added to that already occupied would make the entire area of Green Cemetery six acres at this date (1920).

HEALD MEMORIAL

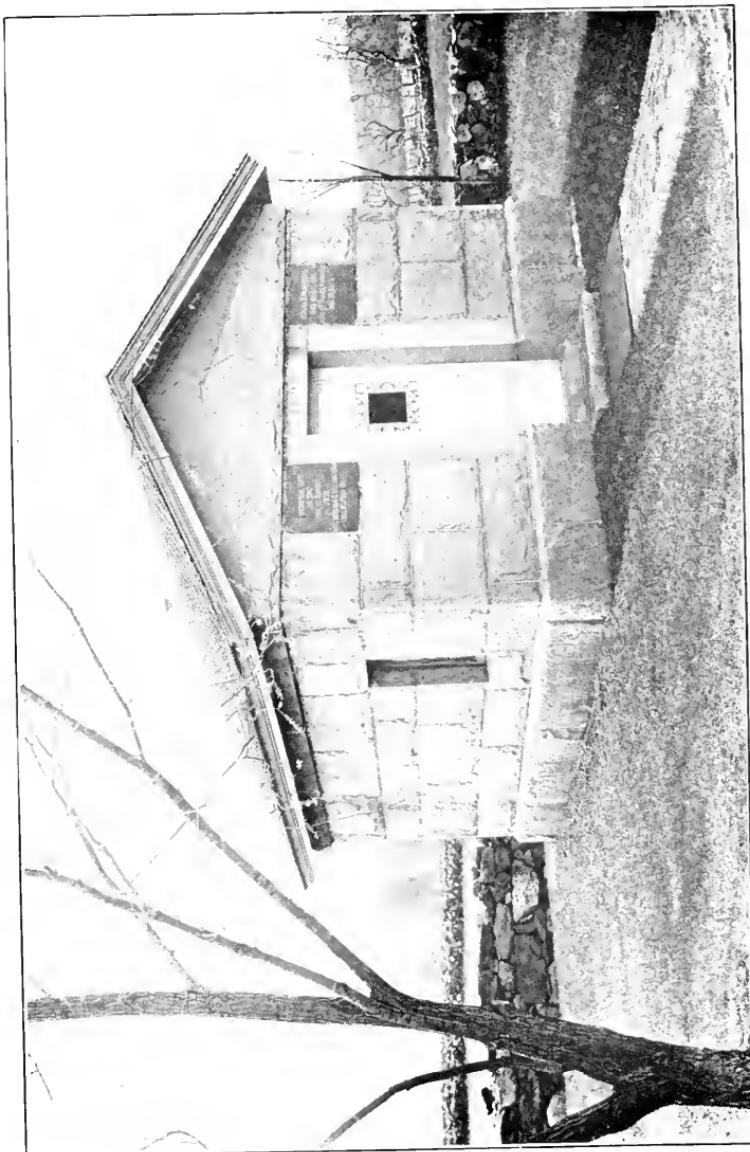
There are two entrances to Green Cemetery from the highway, which extends along its northern boundary. The more easterly of these entrances is the one most frequently used, especially for teams and motor vehicles. In using this entrance we pass through the archway of Heald Memorial, a very substantial and symmetrical granite structure erected by a native son of Carlisle in honor of his parents. On the street side of the arch are the appropriate words "Green Cemetery," while on the west pillar of the arch, on the cemetery side, is a bronze tablet bearing the following inscription:

"Heald Memorial
erected in respect to
Major Benjamin F. Heald
and his wife
Susan (Kimball) Heald
of this town
by their son, Benjamin F. Heald, 2d
A. D. 1914"

The erection of this memorial was certainly a very worthy deed, in respect of worthy parents; and the ornamental feature is appreciated by the town, who also appreciate a suitable memorial of those who were numbered among its worthy, useful and respected citizens.

RICHARDSON MAUSOLEUM

Continuing in a straight southerly course by the avenue, after entering Green Cemetery by the Heald Memorial, one comes to the Richardson Mausoleum or receiving tomb on the left. The warrant for the annual



RICHARDSON MAUSOLEUM



town meeting held on Monday, March 17, 1902, contained the following article:

“Art. XVII. To see if the town will vote to accept a mausoleum to be built in Green Cemetery, as a memorial gift from Mrs. Serlina Green Richardson, of Chelmsford, Mass.” The vote of the town was to accept. Mrs. Richardson, a cousin of Mrs. Lydia A. G. Farrar and Miss Hannah L. C. Green, each of whom had been a blessing to the town by liberal benefactions, was a native of Carlisle, where she spent her youthful days and early married life, before moving to Chelmsford with her husband.

The mausoleum is a substantial granite structure twelve by fifteen feet, with shingle roof. The entrance is at the west end, over which are the figures, 1902, indicating the year in which it was erected. On the north side of the entrance is the following inscription:

“A Memorial Gift
to the
Town of Carlisle
from
Mrs. Serlina G. Richardson
Chelmsford, Mass.”

On the south side of the entrance is the inscription:

“Serlina G. Richardson,
Died Nov. 12, 1914
Aged 87 years 8 months
and 22 days.”

WILSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Turning to the right at the Richardson Mausoleum, and through an avenue to the center of the cemetery, one arrives at the Wilson Memorial Chapel, regarding which the author copies from the town records as follows: “Thursday, May 30, 1907, Memorial Day, Wilson Chapel in Green Cemetery, the gift of Capt. H. W. Wil-

son, was presented to the town of Carlisle, and dedicated for the free use of all of whatever creed or nationality. The dedicatory address and presentation was by Rev. F. H. Billington, pastor of the Unitarian Church. Daniel W. Robbins, chairman of the selectmen, accepted the gift for the town."

Wilson Chapel is a brick one-story structure, with slate roof, opening to the north and has adjoining it a wooden arch, over the driveway, resting on granite pillars. Captain Wilson gave the chapel to the town in memory of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Horace N. Wilson. East of the front entrance, on a bronze plate is the following inscription:

"Wilson Memorial Chapel
Presented to the town of Carlisle
by Capt. H. W. Wilson
1907."

The building is located south of the summer house and east of the hearse house, near the center of the cemetery. In the chapel are forty-two folding seats, an imitation pipe organ given by the Carlisle Guild of the Unitarian Church; a large oak chair upholstered in red plush, and an oak desk. The six windows are all of stained glass, and a large chandelier, with twenty-four lights, hangs from the ceiling.

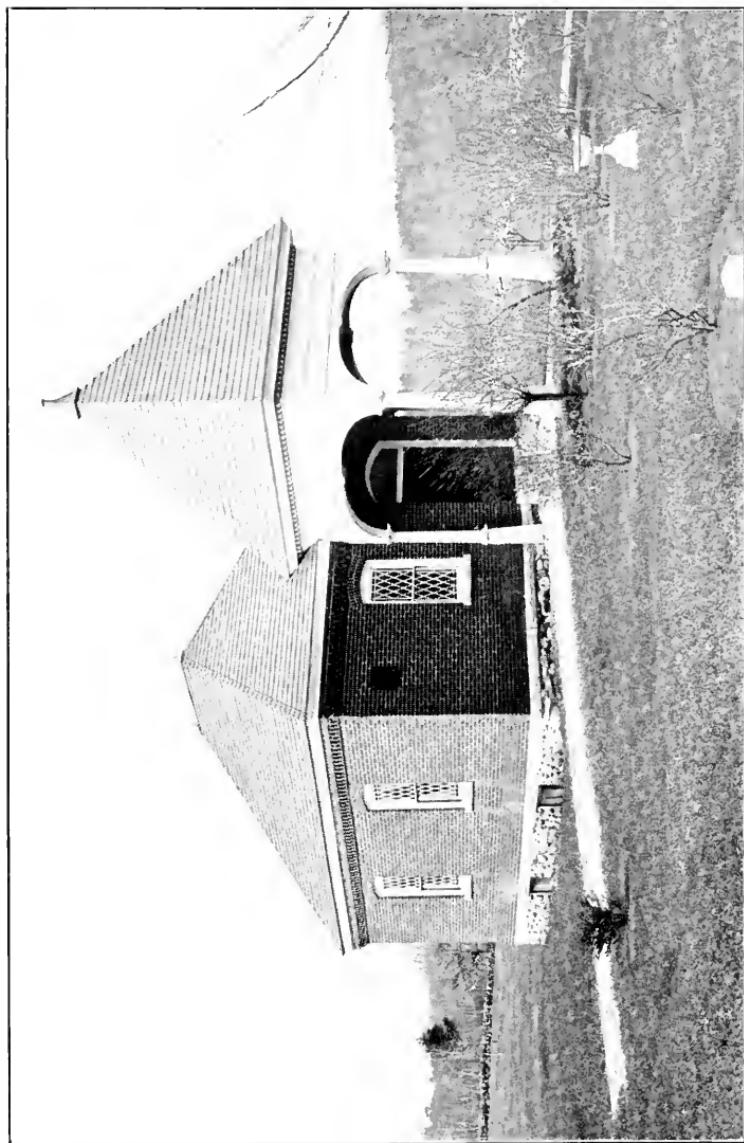
On the wall of the auditorium is a portrait of Captain Wilson, bearing a silver plate inscribed,

"Capt. H. W. Wilson,
The Donor of this Chapel."

and a portrait bearing the following inscription:

"Waldo D. Wilson,
age six years.

Who turned the first earth for the construction of the
Wilson Memorial Chapel
Sept. 26, 1906."



WILSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, GREEN CEMETERY

Hanging near is the spade used on the occasion, properly inscribed. There is a convenient basement under the entire building.

The program at the dedication of the chapel was as follows: Scripture Reading; Prayer; Singing, "Angel of Peace," by a quartet, with organ accompaniment by F. E. Robbins; Dedicatory Address and Presentation by Rev. F. H. Billington. In accepting the keys Mr. D. W. Robbins, chairman of the selectmen, voiced the sincere and heartfelt thanks of the town for the munificent gift of Captain Wilson. The audience joined in singing "America," and the exercises closed with the benediction.

Captain Wilson's grave is near the summer house, and in front of the Wilson Chapel, the spot being marked by a pink Westerly granite monument. Green Cemetery is very beautiful, is systematically planned, and regularly laid out; it has nearly all the accessories of an up-to-date necropolis, and that practically without expense to the town.

CHAPTER X

BRIDGES

THE act incorporating the second district of Carlisle made it incumbent on the district to pay one-sixth part of the charges that might arise from the maintenance of the North Bridge over the Concord River in Concord, until such time as the inhabitants of the district should themselves build a bridge over said river. Several sums of money were raised by the district for this purpose from time to time and paid usually to the inhabitants of the district for doing the work required.

An extract from an order served on the district treasurer by the selectmen, pertaining to the case in question, reads as follows:

“Carlisle, Jan. 3, 1789.

To Mr. Jonathan Blood, Treasurer.

Sir: Please to pay out of the Districts money to Mr. Simon Blood, Jun^r., the following Sums. viz. one pound thirteen Shillings and Sixpence it being for fourteen gallons and three quarts of Rum provided for those that worked at the north Bridge in Concord, also pay to him the Sum of thirteen Shillings, it being for five Days work done at Said Bridge.”

On Thursday, the ninth day of December, 1790, at a meeting of the inhabitants of the district the following was the second article which appeared in the warrant: “To See if the District will agree to build a Bridge over Concord River between Carlisle and Bedford or any part thereof, or do any thing for the encouragement of a publick Road through Carlisle and Bedford or act on

the article as they may think proper." In response to this article a committee of five inhabitants of the district were chosen, first, to determine as to the necessity of building said bridge; second, should they think it advisable to build to determine the most proper place; third, they were to confer with the inhabitants of Bedford respecting the matter; and finally to see how much they could get by subscription toward building said bridge.

This was the beginning of a question that agitated the minds of the inhabitants of the district for upward of four years and which resulted in the establishment of a public highway from Carlisle to Bedford, and the building of the first bridge over the Concord River between the two towns. The bridge appears to have been completed for service in the year 1795, but appropriations for the purpose of repairing the causeway and for replanking the bridge are subsequently of frequent occurrence.

At a district meeting called for May 26, 1791, it was "Voted to prepare a Road from the Meeting House to the River and build an abutment on this side at the place agreed to by the Committee, if Bedford will prepare a Road to the River and build an abutment on the other side." At a subsequent meeting held October 3, 1791, by adjournment from September 5, it was voted to dismiss the former committee, and that the district take the subscription and build a bridge over the river if the town of Bedford will conform to the requirements of the vote previously passed. The selectmen were chosen a committee to petition the town of Bedford, to lay out a road to the river and build the abutment on their side.

Later it was "Voted to petition the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for a Committee to View the necessity of a Road from Carlisle to Bedford Meeting House," and the selectmen were delegated a committee to accompany them and also to build the bridge. Several sums

of money were voted for the purpose, the largest of which was one hundred pounds, voted March 3, 1794, which was to be appropriated for the purpose of building one-half the bridge over the river, also the causeway on the Carlisle side, and to pay land damages occasioned by the road. The money raised by the district for this purpose was paid out by the treasurer to the laborers, most of whom were residents of the district.

The following is the copy of an order drawn on one of the constables, from the money appropriated for the purpose and is shown, not because it is a sample of very many others, but in order to show the contrast of customs prevailing then and now.

“Carlisle, February the 18, 1795.

To Mr. John Jacobs, Constable of the District of Carlisle.

Sir: Please to pay out of the districts money which you are ordered to collect, to Defray the expense of building a Bridge over the River to Mr. John Green the Sum of Seven pounds two Shillings and four pence for Rum and Sugar used at the Bridge when building the Same, and this Shall Discharge you for that Sum.

£7. 2. 4,

By order of the Selectmen.

ASA PARLIN, *District Cler.*”

A district meeting was called for August 29, 1803, and the sixth article in the warrant read as follows: “To See if the District will agree to raise a sum of money to raise the Causeway on the river meadow near the Bridge etc.” On consideration of the article it was “Voted to raise the Sum of one Hundred Dollars for the purpose of filling up the Causeway on the river meadow, and that the Causeway be vendued the 5th Day of September at 4 o’clock, and that the selectmen be a committee for that purpose and to provide drink.”

It seems to have been the common practice for the selectmen to provide intoxicating drinks on public occasions similar to the above; also when the poor were venued, when meeting with committees from other towns, or from the legislature, and also when public work like the building or repairing of a bridge, underpinning the meeting-house, and on similar occasions, before and for several decades subsequent to the latter-named date.

At the annual district meeting held March 7, 1803, it was "voted that the selectmen serve gratis the ensuing year." A question might arise in the minds of people of the present generation whether it might not be the less expensive method to pay a reasonable price for labor actually performed, rather than as compensation to provide drink for town officers and their associates on all public occasions.

These instances, however, serve their purpose in giving us a glimpse of times as they were; and deplorable indeed would be the situation if we could not perceive that with the flight of time, progress has been made.

At a town meeting held January 14, 1822, twenty-seven years after the building of the first bridge over the Concord River between Carlisle and Bedford, the town "voted to rebuild their part of the river bridge the approaching summer" and chose as a committee for said purpose, Messrs. Benjamin Barrett, Paul Furbush and Capt. Stephen Blood. This committee was subsequently increased by vote of the town May 6, by four more names: Messrs. Samuel Adams, Thomas Heald, John Heald and Isaiah Green. Thus constituted the committee now included seven members.

The town clerk was instructed to notify the selectmen of Bedford of the action taken by the town in relation to their part of the bridge, which it was voted to construct twenty feet wide and on mud sills, the timber,

with the exception of the mud sills and plank, to be white oak.

At the April town meeting the town voted to raise the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of defraying the expense of rebuilding. A part of this money was also paid out for rum and sugar for the laborers and committee.

At a town meeting held April 4, 1870, the town "voted to raise the sum of six hundred dollars, to be expended by the selectmen, for the purpose of repairing the river bridge, and making it safe for travel"; and also "voted that the repairs be made at the earliest practical moment." Of the above appropriation the sum of \$230.42 was expended, but it would seem, however, that the bridge was not now considered safe, for at a town meeting held November 7, 1871, the town chose a committee of three, Messrs. Humphrey Prescott, Nathaniel A. Taylor and Benjamin Barrett, who were instructed "to keep the river bridge in safe condition for public travel; and to rebuild it whenever in their judgment it may be necessary to do so."

The work of rebuilding was performed in the year 1872, the expense of which was met by an appropriation by the town of twenty-five hundred dollars. The entire expense of rebuilding one-half of the bridge, that being the portion for which Carlisle was responsible, was \$2327.48. This bridge differed from those previously constructed, being built upon driven spile, instead of upon mud sills. The town of Bedford did not at this time rebuild their portion of the bridge.

At a town meeting held Tuesday, November 8, 1892, the following article was considered: "Art. II. To see if the town will build a new bridge or repair the old one crossing the Concord River, between Bedford and Carlisle, or do any thing in relation to the same, and if

so, to raise and appropriate money therefor." It was "Voted to choose a committee of three from the floor to investigate the bridge, with an expert if need be; and to report at some future meeting, subject to the call of the committee." Gilman Nickles, Charles Forbush and Herbert A. Page, were the committee chosen by the town, who reported at a town meeting held Saturday, December 10, 1892, in effect, that the old bridge might be temporarily repaired to make it safe for the winter. It was voted "that the selectmen repair the bridge immediately, so as to make it safe for the winter, and that it be paid for out of the general expense." In the year 1893 a new iron bridge was erected over the Carlisle half of the Concord River, the expense for which was borne by the county.

CHAPTER XI

CIVIL WAR

THE first action taken by the town in its corporate capacity in matters relating to the War of the Rebellion was at a town meeting assembled on May 11, 1861, when it was "voted to allow and pay each person passed to the credit of the town, who already has, or may hereafter enlist, and be mustered into the service of the United States not exceeding ten in number, the sum of nine dollars per month in addition to the amount allowed by the Government, compensation to commence from the date of their being mustered into the service, and continue for a term not exceeding one year." A committee of five chosen by the town were as follows: Benjamin F. Heald, Artemas Parker, Selar Simons, Thomas Green and Benjamin P. Hutchins, who were authorized to draw on the treasurer, and disburse the money necessary to carry out the provisions of the foregoing vote.

July 21, 1862, a special town meeting was called. The warrant contained but one article, which was "To see what inducements the town will hold out to obtain the town's quota of men required by the late call of the Government, otherwise than by drafting." The town "voted to raise the sum of nine hundred dollars, and to pay each volunteer, not exceeding nine in number, who shall enlist for three years, the sum of one hundred dollars each, when mustered into the United States service." Rev. Josiah Ballard, Artemas Parker, Selar Simons, Samuel H. Robbins and Humphrey Prescott, were chosen a committee to canvas the town for volunteers.

August 27, 1862, the town "voted to pay the same amount of bounty to nine months volunteers for the purpose of encouraging enlistments," and Asa Nickles, Charles T. Worthley and William A. Ingham were chosen as an enlistment committee. September 8, 1862, it was "Voted to pay those persons credited on the quota of the town, and now in the service, who have not received any bounty from the town, the sum of One Hundred Dollars each," and it was also "Voted to pay an equal sum as bounty to any citizen of the town, who would enlist to the credit of the town, and help to fill the present call for nine months men." October 6, 1862, the bounty for nine months' men was increased to one hundred and fifty dollars, and Edward S. Hutchins, William A. Ingham and Charles T. Worthley were chosen a committee to raise recruits.

March 2, 1863, the town raised the sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose of aiding the families of volunteers, and the following month the selectmen were authorized to pay the families of deceased or disabled volunteers such sums as they might believe their necessities to require, but not to exceed six dollars a month to any one family.

April 4, 1864, the town "voted to raise one thousand dollars as aid for families of volunteers, and also the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for each volunteer or drafted man to the number of six, which was the remaining part of the quota for said town under an order of the President issued after March 1, 1864."

Another call for men was issued by the President July 18, 1864. The town called a meeting of its citizens the third of the following August, when it was "Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, to be given to each man who would enlist, and thus help to fill the town's quota."

On the fifteenth of the same month, because of the great disparity of paper money, the town voted to pay said bounty of one hundred and twenty-five dollars in gold.

January 12, 1865, the town "Voted that the selectmen be authorized to enlist as many men into the service of the United States as may be required to fill the town's quota, on any call that may be made prior to March 1, 1865." Also the town treasurer was authorized to borrow such sums of money as were required to pay for same.

It is to the credit of Carlisle that she furnished a surplus of men over and above all demands made by the Government. None, however, were commissioned officers. Three were drafted in the year 1863, Joseph Forbush, James T. Powers and Timothy Wilkins, each of whom furnished a substitute. Thirteen either died or were killed during their term of enlistment.

The following is a list of soldiers who were residents of the town, and helped to fill the town's quota in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-65, with date of muster, organization to which they were attached, and date of discharge from service.

Adams, Albion A. Mustered Aug. 15, 1862, 1st Co. Sharpshooters; discharged Feb. 13, 1863; mustered Dec. 30, 1864, Co. A, 1st Bat. Frontier Cavalry; discharged June 30, 1865.

Adams, John Q. Mustered Aug. 15, 1862, 1st Co. Sharpshooters; killed Sept. 17, 1862, at Antietam, Md.

Blood, John N. Mustered July 2, 1861, Co. C, 16th Regt.; discharged May 3, 1864.

Blood, William. Mustered June 28, 1861, Co. C, 16th Regt., killed at 2d battle Bull Run, Aug. 29, 1862.

Blood, William H. Mustered Oct. 16, 1862, Co. G, 47th Regt., discharged Sept. 1, 1863.

Champney, John H. Mustered March 24, 1862, 1st Co. Sharpshooters; discharged Jan. 26, 1864.

Cumber, George. Mustered Aug. 5, 1862, Co. G, 33d Regt.; discharged Aug. 26, 1864.

Currier, Edwin C. Mustered Nov. 1, 1861, Co. B, 32d Regt.; discharged May 14, 1863.

Duren, Frederick. Mustered Jan. 27, 1863, Co. E, 2d Cavalry; discharged July 20, 1865.

Duren, Thomas. Mustered Aug. 11, 1862, Co. H, 33d Regt.; died at Madison, Indiana, May 16, 1864.

Dutton, Myranda. Mustered July 31, 1862, Co. H, 33d Regt.; killed at Dallas, Georgia, May 25, 1864.

Esty, John M. Mustered July 31, 1862, Co. H, 33d Regt.; died in hospital at Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 5, 1864.

Forbush, Charles. Mustered Oct. 16, 1862, Co. G, 47th Regt.; discharged Sept. 1, 1863.

Gilson, Albert A. Mustered Aug. 5, 1862, Co. E, 33d Regt.; discharged June 11, 1865.

Green, John P. Mustered Aug. 7, 1862, Co. H, 33d Regt.; discharged June 11, 1865. Corporal.

Heald, Alfred. Mustered Nov. 4, 1861, Co. B, 32d Regt.; transferred to V. R. C.; discharged Dec. 11, 1864.

Heald, Austin M. Mustered Aug. 15, 1862, 1st Co. Sharpshooters; died at Falmouth, Va., Jan. 30, 1863.

Heald, Timothy W. Mustered March 24, 1862, 1st Co. Sharpshooters; discharged Oct. 31, 1862.

Heald, Warren F. Mustered Feb. 3, 1864; rejected recruit.

Hodgman, Amos H. Mustered Nov. 4, 1861, Co. B, 32d Regt.; discharged Jan. 6, 1863.

Hodgman, Luther F. Mustered Sept. 17, 1861, Co. E, 26th Regt.; discharged Oct. 24, 1862.

Hutchins, Edward S. Mustered Oct. 16, 1862, Co. G, 47th Regt.; discharged Sept. 1, 1863.

Hutchins, Freeman. Mustered Sept. 17, 1861, Co. E, 26th Regt.; discharged Aug. 26, 1864.

Hutchins, Samuel M. Mustered July 11, 1863, Co. H, 12th Regt. and was transferred to V. R. C.; discharged Feb. 15, 1865.

Hutchins, Thomas J. Mustered Aug. 5, 1862, Co. E, 33d Regt.; killed in action at Lookout Valley, Tenn., Oct. 29, 1863.

Howe, John. Mustered Nov. 4, 1861, Co. B, 32d Regt.; discharged Feb. 18, 1863.

Ingham, William A. Mustered Oct. 16, 1862, Co. G, 47th Regt.; discharged Sept. 1, 1863; 2d enlistment July 15, 1864, Co. G, 6th Regt.; discharged Oct. 27, 1864.

Litchfield, Albert. Mustered July 12, 1861, Co. B, 15th Regt.; discharged Oct. 12, 1862.

Litchfield, George M. Mustered July 2, 1861, Co. C, 16th Regt.; discharged July 27, 1864.

Litchfield, James J. Mustered Oct. 9, 1861, Co. E, 26th Regt.; discharged Oct. 24, 1862.

Litchfield, William F. Mustered July 2, 1861, Co. C, 16th Regt.; discharged July 27, 1864.

Locke, Warren P. Mustered Nov. 28, 1861, Co. B, 32d Regt.; killed at Bethesda Church, Va., June 3, 1864.

Maybury, Orrin. Mustered July 2, 1861, Co. C, 16th Regt.; re-enlisted Dec. 26, 1863 in Co. C, 16th Regt., transferred July 11, 1864 to Co. E, 11th Regt.; discharged July 14, 1865.

Monroe, George V. Mustered Oct. 15, 1862, Co. G, 47th Regt.; died of fever at Carrollton, La., Aug. 9, 1863.

Monroe, William H. Mustered Oct. 16, 1862, Co. G, 47th Regt.; discharged July 3, 1863.

Moore, William. Mustered March 7, 1862, 1st Co. Sharpshooters; died at Fort McHenry, N.Y., Sept. 9, 1862.

Nickles, Abel. Mustered Dec. 22, 1863, Co. K, 2d Heavy Artillery; discharged Sept. 3, 1865.

Nickles, Charles E. Mustered Oct. 16, 1862, Co. G, 47th Regt.; discharged Sept. 2, 1863.

Nickles, George P. Mustered Nov. 4, 1861, Co. B, 32d Regt.; discharged Nov. 27, 1864.

Nickles, Otis. Mustered Jan. 4, 1864, 7th Battery, L. A.; died at Barracks Hospital, New Orleans, La., July 16, 1864.

Norcross, George E. Mustered July 2, 1861, Co. C, 16th Regt.; discharged July 27, 1864.

Northum, William H. Mustered Aug. 7, 1862, Co. H, 33d Regt.; discharged June 11, 1865.

Osgood, Isaac P. Mustered Nov. 4, 1861, Co. B, 32d Regt.; discharged Dec. 14, 1863.

Parker, Sidney A. Mustered July 15, 1864, Co. G, 6th Regt.; discharged Oct. 27, 1864.

Prescott, John H. Mustered Nov. 4, 1861, Co. B, 32d Regt.; discharged Feb. 9, 1863. Corporal. Mustered July 15, 1864, Co. G, 6th Regt.; discharged Oct. 27, 1864.

Proctor, Josiah K. Mustered Dec. 22, 1863, Co. K, 2d Heavy Artillery; discharged Sept. 3, 1865.

Robbins, Charles H. Mustered Oct. 16, 1862, Co. G, 47th Regt.; discharged Sept. 1, 1863.

Robbins, Daniel W. Mustered July 2, 1861, Co. C, 16th Regt.; re-enlisted Dec. 27, 1863; transferred to Co. E, 11th Regt.; discharged July 14, 1865. 1st Sergeant.

Stevenson, Thomas G. Mustered May 1, 1861, Co. G, 5th Regt.; discharged June 8, 1861.; mustered July 2, 1861, Co. C, 16th Regt.; discharged Dec. 29, 1862.

Webster, Benjamin H. Mustered Oct. 16, 1862, Co. G, 47th Regt.; discharged Sept. 1, 1863.

Wiggin, Francis M. Mustered Feb. 15, 1862, Co. F, 13th Regt., U. S. A.; died at Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 16, 1863.

Wiggin, George W. Mustered Aug. 31, 1862, Co. G, 6th Regt.; discharged June 3, 1863.

Wilkins, Jr., James W. Mustered Sept. 6, 1861, Co. B, 32d Regt.; discharged Nov. 27, 1864.

Worthley, Charles T. Mustered Oct. 16, 1862, Co. G, 47th Regt.; discharged Sept. 1, 1863.

Worthley, Hiram P. Mustered Oct. 16, 1862, Co. G, 47th Regt.; discharged Sept. 1, 1863.

The following soldiers, residence unknown, were enlisted to the credit of Carlisle. The first seven on the list were hired by the town:

Beissert, Herman

Elbin, Levi

Henderson, Benjamin

Kuntz, Joseph A.

Lyons, Martin

Murphy, John

Ritz, Jacob F.

Anderson, John

Anthon, Joseph

Bixby, Moses M.

Breen, Thomas

Brown, William H., Corporal

Fenderson, Simeon B.

Hill, Franklin I.

Jackson, Peter

Jessler, Gottlieb

Kennedy, Richard

Mahoney, John

McKagney, James

Means, William N.

Mongovern, John

Morril, Reuben S.

O'Neal, John

Riley, Cornelius J.

Toolon, Peter

Vining, John

Woodruff, Aaron

The following naval enlistments were credited to Carlisle as their apportionment, under an act of Congress passed July 4, 1864:

Ridler, Samuel F.
Riley, Cornelius J.
Rogers, Charles A.
Roseten, Thomas
Scott, James
Sheely, David

The following native or resident citizens served in the Civil War and were credited to other places:

Carter, George W. Mustered Sept. 19, 1862, Co. K, 50th Regt. on the quota of Georgetown, Mass.; discharged Aug. 24, 1863; mustered Jan. 2, 1865, Co. C, 1st Battalion, Frontier Cavalry, on quota of North Adams, Mass.; discharged June 30, 1865.

Carlton, John. Commissioned Second Lieutenant Oct. 8, 1861, in the 20th Regt. Mass. Infantry, promoted to First Lieutenant June 1, 1862; discharged Dec. 6, 1862.

Day, Elijah N. Mustered Aug. 31, 1862, Co. K, 6th Regt.; discharged June 3, 1863; mustered March 31, 1864, Co. D, 4th Mass. Cavalry; died July 14, 1865.
Credited to Chelmsford.

Hood, Gilbert A. Mustered April 11, 1862, Co. C, 32d Regt.; discharged Nov. 23, 1862. Credited to Lowell.

Hull, Richmond N. Three years in an Illinois Battery.

Keniston, Henry. Mustered Dec. 23, 1863, 15th Battery Light Artillery; discharged Aug. 4, 1865. Credited to Lowell.

Litchfield, George T. Mustered Dec. 30, 1864, Co. B, 1st Battalion Frontier Cavalry; discharged June 30, 1865. Credited to West Cambridge.

Marsh, Palmer A. Mustered Aug. 20, 1864, Co. H, 4th Heavy Artillery; discharged June 17, 1865. Credited to Fitchburg.

Nickles, Stephen. Mustered Jan. 21, 1864, 7th Mass. Battery Light Artillery; discharged Nov. 10, 1865. Credited to Needham.

Robbins, Henry C. Surgeon with rank of Major, served in 101st Illinois Regt. for three years.

Robbins, John. Mustered Aug. 31, 1861, member of Band of the 17th Mass. Regt. Infantry; discharged July 11, 1862. Credited to Lowell.

Stone, Reuben E. Mustered Dec. 23, 1863, 15th Mass. Battery Light Artillery; discharged Aug. 4, 1865. Credited to Lowell.

Wilkins, Ambrose. Mustered Dec. 26, 1863, 7th Battery Light Artillery; discharged Nov. 10, 1865; died at New Orleans, La., Nov. 26, 1865. Credited to Fitchburg.

Wilkins, C. Ingraham. Bugler in United States service from state of New York.

Wilkins, Varnum. Mustered Sept. 6, 1861, Co. D, 26th Regt. Infantry; discharged Sept. 22, 1862. Credited to Billerica.

In tabulating the above records it is found Carlisle had on her quota in the Civil War fifty-five soldiers who were residents of the town; or nearly one for every ten of her population, including men, women and children; and that thirty-three additional enlistments were passed to her credit, making eighty-eight in all, as the complete number of her quota, or more than one for every seven of her population. If we include the fifteen native or resident citizens enlisted to the credit of other places, we find that Carlisle had a representation of one hundred and three soldiers in the war, or one for every six of her population.



SOLDIERS' MONUMENT ON THE COMMON

CHAPTER XII

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT

THE erection and dedication of a monument commemorating the accomplishments of the Civil War, as well as the deeds of valor of those who helped to prosecute it, and especially the names of some who made the supreme sacrifice, which resulted in finally eradicating one of the greatest evils which could exist in any nation, is an attainment for which Carlisle may justly feel a sense of pride and satisfaction.

Carlisle was fortunate in having among her citizens people of a liberal disposition, who found pleasure in promoting worthy objects, and were real philanthropists; and in this case, as in many others, Carlisle was not taxed in its corporate capacity for the ornamental structure now decorating Monument Square.

The circumstance which led to the erection of this monument was a bequest which, with accumulations, amounted to the sum of \$653.70, donated the town by the late Mrs. Lydia A. G. Farrar. At a town meeting held March 20, 1882, the town voted "that the town treasurer be authorized to receive the legacy and hold the same until further action by the town."

At a town meeting held November 7, 1882, the town voted "that the money given the town by the will of the late Mrs. Lydia A. G. Farrar be appropriated for the purpose of erecting a soldiers' monument in the center of the town on or near the spot where the guide-post now stands," and also chose Messrs. Thomas A. Green, Sidney A. Bull and Edward S. Hutchins as a committee

to carry out the provisions of said vote. At a subsequent town meeting, held March 19, 1883, the town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of the former-named committee for the purpose of putting in a foundation for the monument and for fencing and grading the grounds.

A stone and cement foundation was laid by Messrs. Edward S. Hutchins and Marshall Mason on May 21, 1883, and nearly one hundred loads of loam were used to complete the grading. The committees chosen to erect the monument, believing the amount of money at their disposal too small for the purpose of furnishing a monument sufficiently ornamental that would prove acceptable to the town, suggested that an invitation be extended to Miss Hannah L. C. Green, a sister of the late Mrs. Farrar, to add enough to the amount of her sister's bequest to increase it to the sum of one thousand dollars, which suggestion was favorably entertained, and the money in due time was paid over to the committee; consequently they had at their disposal one thousand dollars to be expended for a monument, and proceeded to correspond with various contractors, requesting designs and specifications for monuments that could be furnished for that sum.

Several contractors responded to the requests of the committee, affording them a good variety of designs to select from. Their decision was, however, decidedly in favor of a design furnished by Andrews & Wheeler, of Lowell, which specified a granite pedestal, surmounted by a marble statue, or to describe more minutely the completed monument, included a triple receding base of Concord granite five feet two inches square on the foundation, resting on which is a polished die of Rockport granite, on the east side of which is the inscription: "Died in their country's service," followed by the names

of thirteen soldiers from the town who lost their lives during their term of enlistment, which list is completed on the north side. The southerly face bears the following appropriate sentiment:

“To the roll-call they make no response.
Carlisle honors their deeds of valor
And dedicates this monument
To perpetuate their names to posterity.”

On the back or westerly side is inscribed:

“Presented to the town of Carlisle by Mrs. Lydia A. G. Farrar, and Miss Hannah L. C. Green.
Dedicated August 29, 1885.”

The die is surmounted by a fine statue of Italian marble, wrought in Italy, seven and one-half feet tall, weighing three thousand pounds, and representing the “Goddess of Liberty”. On the base of the statue at the front side is the motto: “Let him who has won it bear the palm,” and on the back or westerly side are inscribed the dates “1861 — 1865.”

The entire height of the monument from foundation to tip is fifteen and one-half feet. The statue was placed in position December 7, 1883, which date marked the completion of the monument as far as the contractors were liable. The monument grounds were enclosed by a fence of granite posts, connected by galvanized iron rails. A concrete walk was laid extending from the entrance on the north to the entrance on the south side of the grounds, passing in front of the monument, and the work of the committee was completed at an expense to the town of a few dollars more than the appropriation.

At a town meeting held Monday, March 16, 1885, the town appropriated the sum of two hundred dollars

for the purpose of dedicating the Soldiers' Monument, and chose a committee of three, Daniel W. Robbins, Edward J. Carr and Sidney A. Bull, whom they authorized to attend to the duties of having the monument dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. The committee attended to their duties, and after due deliberation decided on August 29 as an appropriate day for the dedicatory exercises, since that was the anniversary of the second Bull Run battle, in which one of those whose names appear on the monument was killed in action.

The committee spared no pains to make the affair the most elaborate of any event in the annals of the town and were satisfied with the result. The weather was ideal, for a beautiful August day could not but add somewhat to the attraction of the occasion; and it was estimated that a thousand or more people were in attendance.

The following were the officers and members of committees for dedication: President of the day, Daniel W. Robbins. Chief Marshal, Charles Forbush. Aids: E. A. Blanchard, T. M. Hammond, G. W. Page and B. F. Day. Decoration Committee: Thomas A. Green, Frank Wilkins, George Nickles and Mrs. Mary A. Green, Mrs. Susan M. Bull, Mrs. Lizzie L. Robbins and Mrs. Luella M. Bull. Reception Committee: Major B. F. Heald, Lieut. H. W. Wilson and James E. Taylor.

The residents of the village exerted themselves to improve its appearance in every way possible, and it looked on dedication day as though it had been thoroughly swept and dusted. The monument grounds were put in the best possible condition, and the monument was tastefully decorated with flowers, evergreen and the national colors.

Nearly every house in the village located on the line of march was, by invitation previously extended by the

dedication committee, prettily decorated with flags, streamers and bunting. The dedication exercises began at one o'clock with a parade, of which the following is the order of procession:

Chief Marshal and Aids

Dunstable Cornet Band

Troop F Cavalry, dismounted

President of the day, chaplain, orators and invited guests
in carriages

Concord, Mass., G. A. R. Post

Veterans on foot

Citizens on foot

Citizens in carriages

The procession formed on the Common, and immediately proceeded on the following route of march: From the Common to Boston Road, on the right of the monument to the home of George F. Duren; countermarch, passing monument on the right to Lowell Road; right turn, thence on Lowell Road beyond the home of William Green; countermarch to the monument; thence on Westford Road beyond the home of Daniel W. Robbins; left-wheel through short street to Concord Road; right turn on Concord Road beyond the home of George P. Nickles; countermarch, passing the home of G. W. Page and M. Lee, to the Common. During the time the procession was moving, minute-guns were fired from a cannon on the Common, under the direction of Nathaniel Hutchinson.

At the close of the parade the assembly gathered under a large canvas tent, which had been procured by the committee for the occasion and erected on the Common. Here the following exercises took place:

1. Invocation, by Rev. George F. Piper.
2. Solo and Chorus, "Tenting Tonight."
3. Selection by band.

4. Presentation of Monument to the town, by Sidney A. Bull.
5. Reception of Monument for the town, by John Q. A. Green.
6. Selection by band.
7. Oration by Hon. Charles H. Allen.
8. Solo and Chorus, "Marching through Georgia."
Veterans joining in chorus.
9. Remarks by invited guests.
10. Dedication Ode, by Sidney A. Bull. Tune "America."
All joining.

"With grateful hearts we come,
And sing of brave deeds done
By those who fell
Full twenty years ago,
In conflict with the foe.
They helped to deal the blow
That saved our land.

They heard the call to arms,
Left home with all its charms—
A noble band,—
And marched to beat of drum,
With armor girded on,
To face 'neath Southern sun,
A martialed foe.

The camp, the march, the fray,
The charge, the victory,
The comrades slain!
And scarce it seems a day,
Time speeds so swift away,
Since were the blue and gray
In war engaged.

Their deeds of valor done,
The victory fully won,
The sword laid down,
Yon marble statue shall
To future ages tell
Of those who nobly fell —
Our honored dead."

The presentation address by Sidney A. Bull is given in full.

"The monument which we are about to dedicate today has connected with its erection a few facts which I will give for your information. First, the nucleus from which yonder structure sprang originated in a legacy, something over six hundred dollars, left the town in September, 1881, by the late Mrs. Lydia A. G. Farrar, a life-long resident of the town.

No particular object toward which this money should be applied was designated by the donor. Consequently it devolved upon the town to appropriate it for such purposes as it deemed wise, and by a unanimous vote at a town meeting November 7, 1882, it was decided, much to the credit of the town, to appropriate the money for the purpose of erecting a soldiers' monument in the center of the town, on the spot where it now stands. At the same meeting a committee of three, Thomas A. Green, Sidney A. Bull and Edward S. Hutchins, were chosen to carry out the provisions of the former vote.

The committee entered upon their duties feeling not a little the responsibilities resting upon them, and having at the same time a desire to please which, with the amount of money at their disposal, might well be presumed to be a difficult task. It was just at this time that a sister of the former-named donor, the benevolent Miss Hannah L. C. Green, whom we are happy to have

with us today, stepped forward and agreed to increase the amount to one thousand dollars, the entire cost of the monument as you see it today.

Plans and specifications were received from several granite and marble-workers, most of which deserve favorable mention, but in making a choice the committee were decidedly in favor of the design furnished by Andrews & Wheeler of Lowell, to whom they awarded the contract and who, upon the completion of their task, produced a work of art which was fully up to our most sanguine expectations. The base was placed in position Thursday, July 12, 1883, and on November 20 of the same year the die, properly inscribed with names of soldiers who died in the service, with regiment and company, also appropriate mottoes and names of donors, found its final resting-place.

The statue, representing the Goddess of Liberty, was wrought in Italy from fine Italian marble and surmounts the die, having been placed in its permanent position December 7, 1883, and this latter date marks the completion of the work of the contractors. A durable fence, made from hammered stone posts, connected by galvanized iron rails, was subsequently built to enclose the monument grounds, at a cost to the town of three hundred dollars.

At the annual town meeting held March 16, 1885, it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to have charge of the grounds around the monument, and that they be authorized to have said monument dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. The committee chosen for the purpose were Daniel W. Robbins, Sidney A. Bull and Edward J. Carr. At the same meeting the sum of two hundred dollars was raised and appropriated to meet the expenses of dedication.

The progress of your committee was somewhat

retarded by a slight illegality about the vote, which was later legalized by an Act of the Legislature. Your committee finally decided on Saturday, August 29, 1885, as an appropriate day for the dedicatory exercises on account of its being the anniversary of the second Bull Run battle, in which one whose name appears on the monument was killed in action.

To the present generation this monument will be a constant reminder of sacrifices, of doubts, of dangers and glorious victory; and to the surviving soldiers who took part in the great conflict it will be a memento of their hardships, of deadly battles, of lost comrades, and of splendid achievements; and it is with a peculiar pride and pleasure that I stand here today to deliver over to the town of Carlisle, through you, sir, her honored representative, this monument, which in obedience to her instructions your committee has procured, and which it now asks you to accept."

The address of acceptance was made by John Q. A. Green, chairman of the selectmen, as follows:

"In behalf of the town of Carlisle and the sisters whose names are here inscribed, and whose patriotism and generosity have caused the erection of this monument, I receive from the committee this completion of its duties. I accept this monument, and let us all accept it in trust for future generations. Let it stand as an enduring pledge, that the devotion and deaths commemorated on this stone have not been in vain.

Upon this monument stands our Goddess of Liberty, with upraised hand, pointing upward, let us hope, to clear and peaceful skies, never to be overshadowed by dark clouds of war until the calling of the last great roll, to which these departed heroes will respond."

The orator of the occasion was Col. Charles H. Allen, of Lowell, who gave a patriotic and thoughtful address,

closing in these words: "This monument, with its names, will call to the mind of the passer-by once more the story of our national valor, and to you here at home the names, ever fresh, will be associated with honor and fame. You remember the story of the first grenadier of France, who so bravely defended the fortress alone against a band of Austrians, and whose bravery gave rise to a very remarkable and touching custom. When the companies assembled for parade and roll call there was one name to which its owner could not answer—it was that of La Tour d'Avergne. When it was called, the oldest sergeant present stepped a pace forward, and touching his cap, said proudly, "Died on the field of honor." So you, citizens of Carlisle, whenever in the hush of evening, your thoughts turn to the memory of those who went out from among you, never to return again, with your eyes fixed upon this monument, may there come to you the tender thought, 'Died on the field of honor.' "

The singing was under the direction of William Barrett of Concord. The banquet committee were William Prescott, Frank Wilkins, Josiah Hodgman, Thomas A. Green, Mrs. Anna Lee, Mrs. Emma L. Forbush, Mrs. Susan Hutchinson, Mrs. Emma J. Green, Misses Flossie Wilkins, Carrie Lee and Laura West.

At the close of the exercises the assembly were invited to partake of a collation, prepared under the direction of the banquet committee, and which for variety of dishes and elegance of arrangement was par excellence. Invited organizations, and guests of the town were tendered the preference at the tables, after which the townspeople were served. The committee, after paying the bills incident to the celebration, had left in the town treasury the sum of \$4.07 unexpended, the entire cost to the town of dedicating the monument being \$195.93.

CHAPTER XIII

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

IT was in the year 1870 that the Rev. Moses Patten and family came to Carlisle, he having accepted the pastorate of the local Congregational Church. At that time there was no free public library in the town, and his wife, Mrs. Lydia S. Patten, realizing the educational benefits to be derived from the possession of a public library, immediately set about starting one by soliciting private subscriptions of money and books. Before long she had succeeded in getting subscriptions for one hundred and sixty-four dollars and secured quite a formidable collection of books; and by her own personal efforts, in serving as librarian without compensation put the volumes in circulation. This was the beginning. Now that the library was in running order, comfortably housed and centrally located in a room rented for the purpose, for which the annual rental of twenty dollars was paid (which sum was raised principally by entertainments gotten up especially for the purpose), the proposition was conceived of presenting it to the town. Acceptance of the library by the town would place it in a position to be perpetually cared for, increased, and otherwise made useful. The result of the proposition was an article inserted in the warrant for the annual town meeting held March 18, 1872, which read as follows: "To see if the town will appropriate money to aid in the establishment of a town library."

The town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and forty dollars for the establishment of a

town library, and also that a committee of five persons, consisting of three males and two females, be chosen, whose duty it should be to have the general supervision of said library. Thus March 18, 1872, may properly be considered as the date when the Carlisle Free Public Library was established. The committee chosen by the town, who were the first to serve in this capacity, were: Mrs. Lydia S. Patten to serve five years, Joseph F. Carr for four years, Miss Hattie Hutchinson for three years, N. A. Taylor for two years, and Dr. Austin Marsh to serve one year.

It is probable that the town would in time have become the possessor of a town library, but without question efforts of Mrs. Patten, whom the town is proud to name as its founder, succeeded in its establishment at this particular period. She removed from the town in the year 1876, and has since passed to her final reward. Her works do follow her, and are a perpetual reminder of her to the inhabitants of the town.

The accession of literature has been yearly increased since the first inception of the library, the result of appropriations by the town and the gifts of friends. By vote of the town the refunded dog tax is appropriated as a permanent fund to help replenish the library shelves and for its support.

In the year 1890 the author prepared a brief history of Carlisle for Lewis's History of Middlesex County and in reference to the Carlisle Library wrote in substance its history as given here, with the following as the closing paragraph: "The Library has no permanent abiding place, but yearly a room is hired by the trustees for its accommodation. An opportunity presents itself for some liberal-minded person to act the part of the philanthropist and present the town with a library building, an act which would be appreciated by all future



MRS. LYDIA S. PATTEN

generations as well as proving a constant reminder of the liberality of the donor." While the author had no reason to expect the suggestion would so soon develop into a reality, yet within four years the town was tendered funds sufficient to erect a beautiful library building, and in less than six years from the above date, it was dedicated for the required purpose.

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The introduction of the conditions relative to the gift and erection of the new library building are set forth in a letter of which the following is a copy.

"Sudbury, Mass., September 7, 1894.

To T. A. Green, Esq.

Dear Sir: As I am desirous of doing something that will be of lasting benefit to the inhabitants of the town of Carlisle, which is my native town and the home of my early days, and also the life-long home of my parents, I will propose to present to them the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6000) with which to erect a brick building for a free public library. I will also give them two hundred dollars (\$200) for the furnishing of the reading room and for any other purpose for which it may be needed about the building. I will name Messrs. T. A. Green, Daniel Robbins and J. Q. A. Green as a committee to take charge and have oversight of the work. I ask the town to find the land and the foundation for the building, and I will give them one hundred dollars toward the stone underpinning of the building. If you can take the trouble to attend to this affair, I shall be greatly obliged to you.

Very respectfully yours,

JOANNA GLEASON."

The preceding letter resulted in the following proceedings by inhabitants of Carlisle.

“To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Carlisle, Gentlemen:

We the undersigned, legal voters of said town, earnestly petition your honorable Board, to call at your earliest convenience a special town meeting for the purpose of bringing before the legal voters of said town a proposition made by Mrs. Joanna Gleason, of Sudbury, to wit: The gift of six thousand dollars for a free public library building, the town to furnish land and put in a foundation suitable for a brick building, and do all grading about the same. Also a gift of two hundred dollars for the furnishing of said library, and your petitioners will ever pray. . . .” This petition was signed by Daniel W. Robbins and sixty-one other legal voters of the town. In response to the above petition a special town meeting was called to meet in Union Hall, Monday, September 17, 1894. The warrant contained two articles in addition to the choice of moderator. “Art. II. To see if the town will accept a gift of six thousand dollars from Mrs. Joanna Gleason, of Sudbury, for the erection of a public library building, or act thereon.

Art. III. To see if the town will choose a committee to act in accordance with Mrs. Joanna Gleason’s proposal and plans, or act thereon.”

Action was taken as follows on Art. II: Voted to accept the gift of Mrs. Joanna Gleason on the terms which she has so liberally designated, and that the same may be received by the town treasurer immediately, if it should be her pleasure to deposit the same with him, for the erection of said library building and for the furnishing thereof. On Art. III it was voted that Daniel W. Robbins, John Q. A. Green and Thomas A. Green, be a committee with full power to purchase or take land for a site for said building.

The site selected by the committee is located a few

rods east of Monument Square, on the south side of Boston Road, in the center of the town, a location originally an eyesore because of rocks and a pond of stagnant water, but now, after a certain amount of filling and labor, one of the beauty spots of the town. The location was purchased in the year 1894 from Mr. Nathaniel Hutchinson for the sum of five hundred dollars, and the town later expended on the grounds for labor, loam and gravel the sum of \$2256.44.

At a town meeting held Tuesday, November 6, 1894, it was voted under Article 3 in the warrant that the town raise and appropriate seventy-five dollars annually for the care and maintenance of the public library. This appears to have been the last corporate action taken by the town until the annual town meeting held Monday, March 16, 1896, when under Article 12 in the warrant it was "voted that Rev. Lyman Mevis, Charles Forbush and Edward J. Carr be a committee to dedicate the Gleason Free Public Library; and that two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the same."

During this interval the work of preparing the grounds and constructing the building had been steadily progressing, and in due time the following printed invitation was distributed, in connection with a printed card program: "The town of Carlisle cordially invites you to be its guest at the dedication of the Gleason Library Building, at Carlisle, Mass., on Wednesday, May 13, at two p.m. The Reception Committee will be in attendance at the Library Building from ten to twelve o'clock. In behalf of the Dedication Committee, Lyman Mevis, Chairman."

The four-page card program had a well-executed picture of the Library building on the second page, and otherwise was printed as follows:

DEDICATORY EXERCISES
OF THE
GLEASON LIBRARY BUILDING.
UNITARIAN CHURCH, CARLISLE, MASS.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1896.

AT 2 P.M.

Program

Overture, "Orpheus"	<i>Offenbach</i>
Invocation	Rev. Edwin Smith
Address of Welcome	Rev. Lyman Mevis
Presentation of Building . . .	Charles H. Walcott, Esq.
Acceptance	By Selectmen
Scripture Selection	Rev. Martin F. Mevis
Cornet Solo "Arbucklenian" . .	<i>Hermann</i>
	Miss Ella Morse
Dedicatory Address	Samuel S. Green, Worcester
Grand Selection from "Faust" . .	<i>Gounod</i>
Address	Rev. Minot Osgood Simons
Address	Rev. George A. Tewksbury
Address	Hon. George A. Marden
Medley Overture, "Sublime" . . .	<i>Barnard</i>

(With solos for all instruments)

Addresses	Rev. Loren B. Macdonald and others
"America"	All singing
Benediction	Rev. E. C. Abbot

The fourth page of the card program bore the names of the various committees as follows: Building Committee, T. A. Green, D. W. Robbins, John Q. A. Green; President of the Day, Rev. E. C. Abbott; Committee on Dedication, Rev. Lyman Mevis, Charles Forbush, Edward J. Carr; Reception Committee, Capt. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Green, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chamberlin, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Hall; Committee on Refreshments, Mrs. E. J. Carr, Mrs. H. W. Wilson, Mrs. Lyman Mevis.



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Music was furnished by the American Orchestra of Lowell, assisted by Miss Ella Morse, of Lowell, Cornetist.

A feature not on the program was the reading of a sketch of the earlier days of the library, mentioning especially the indefatigable labors of its founder, Mrs. Lydia S. Patten, by Mrs. Edward Reynolds, of Carlisle. The committee on dedication in due season sent a formal invitation to Mrs. Gleason inviting her to be present at the dedicatory exercises of the Gleason Library. The following is a copy of her reply:

"Sudbury, Mass., May 6, 1896.

To Messrs. Rev. Mr. Mevis, Mr. Forbush and Mr. Carr, Committee.

Gentlemen: I am in receipt of your invitation to be present at the dedication of the Gleason Library at Carlisle on the thirteenth instant, and in reply to the same can only express my deep regret that the condition of my health will preclude the possibility of my personal attendance on that occasion. But that my thoughts and my hopes will be with you, you may be well assured, for in the completion of the building, and in its formal dedication to the purposes for which it was designed I see the fruition of a hope which I had long cherished, to do something for the benefit of the town in which I was born, and where my earlier years were spent, and for which I have never ceased to feel a daughter's affection.

Perhaps it would be better to say that I see the beginning of such fruition, for I cannot doubt that, as the years go on, the people of my native town will take an ever increasing interest in their library, and give to its maintenance and increase a hearty and generous support.

In the confident assurance that such will be the case, I am contented, and glad that the name I bear should be inscribed in enduring letters upon the front of

the building that is to be for all coming time, the best monument to the memory of my husband and myself.

Thanking you for the courtesy you have shown me, I remain, gentlemen,

Yours very sincerely,

JOANNA GLEASON."

Wednesday, May 13, 1896, was perfect as far as weather was concerned. To quote from a reported article, "It could not have been improved had it been made to order." The library building was open from ten to twelve o'clock for inspection, under the direction of the reception committee, and fifty or more names of non-residents were recorded on the register during that time. At twelve o'clock the people at the library lined up and marched up the hill to the Unitarian Church, where dinner was served in the lower hall, while the orchestra entertained with the popular music of the day. The pretty girls of the town served as waitresses and distributed a bountiful and toothsome repast. At two o'clock the dedicatory exercises were held in the auditorium of the church, which had been prettily decorated with flowers for the occasion, under the direction of Mr. Thomas A. Green. Among the floral contributions used were several hundred carnations, contributed by Mr. Jeremiah Long of Holliston, a native of the town.

The dedicatory address was made by Librarian Samuel S. Green of Worcester, who was also a member of the State Library Commission. There were four or five other addresses by prominent and able speakers. Did space permit, a verbatim reproduction of each address would be interesting reading. The few gems of thought culled from the various addresses seemed peculiarly appropriate to the occasion:

"The gift of our library is all the more noble because it came from the living, and not the dead."

“There are two ways of getting knowledge of the men of the world and of obtaining the ideas of mankind that are to be helpful to us. We may travel and see the world and its beauties. We may go to the universities and sit in the presence of master-minds and be impressed with their personality and the power of their ideas.”

“The interest of the library depends not so much upon the number of books, as upon the character of the books.”

“We are coming to value things by their capacity to elevate character. Whatever can do this is precious; whatever cannot is worthless. By this test the worth of this institution is infinite.”

“Sir John Herschel said, ‘If I were to pray for a taste which should stand me under every variety of circumstances, and be a source of happiness and cheerfulness to me through life, and a shield against its ills, however things might go amiss and the world frown upon me, it would be a taste for reading. Give a man this taste, and the means of gratifying it, and you can hardly fail of making him happy. You make him a denizen of all nations, a contemporary of all ages.’ ”

“‘Wondrous indeed’ said Carlyle the man, ‘is the virtue of a good book.’ The lesson of Mrs. Gleason’s gift is, if you have anything to give away do it while you are alive.”

“There is no privilege, no distinction, that can come to a town that begins to equal that of a well-selected library, open and free to all its citizens.”

“I had rather live in a town where there is a good library, than in the most famous community on the face of the earth where that library is wanting.”

“If a gold mine had been discovered in your village, it could not increase the essential wealth of the town more than this, or make it a more desirable place to live in.”

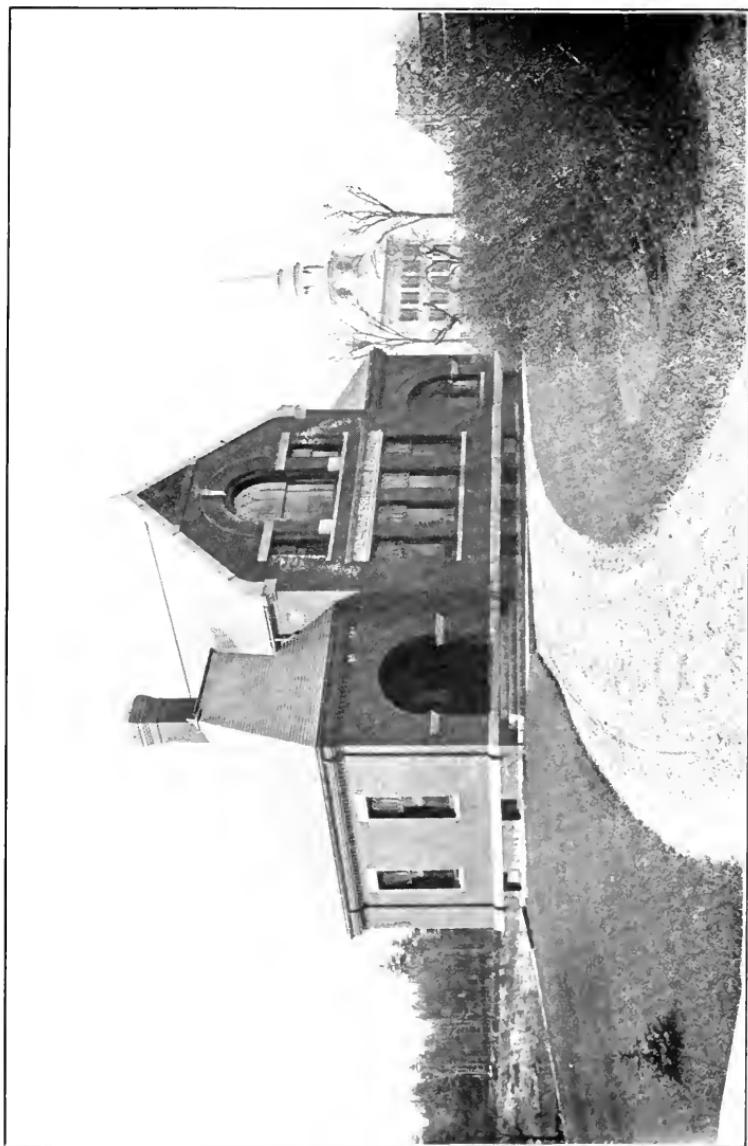
It is worthy of note that two women, one a resident and the other a native of the town, are responsible for the Carlisle Free Public Library. The conception was by Mrs. Lydia S. Patten, who was the originator and founder; and Mrs. Joanna Gleason, by her munificent gift of land and building, may well be known as its sustainer, friend and maintainer. Carlisle appreciates their accomplishments, and recognizes that she owes them a debt of gratitude.

The library building occupies a central location in the village, on a lot with a frontage of one hundred and ninety feet, and a depth of two hundred and ten feet. The structure is in the center of the lot and is seventy-five feet from the street. It was designed by George G. Adams of Lawrence, and the architecture is of the modern Romanesque style.

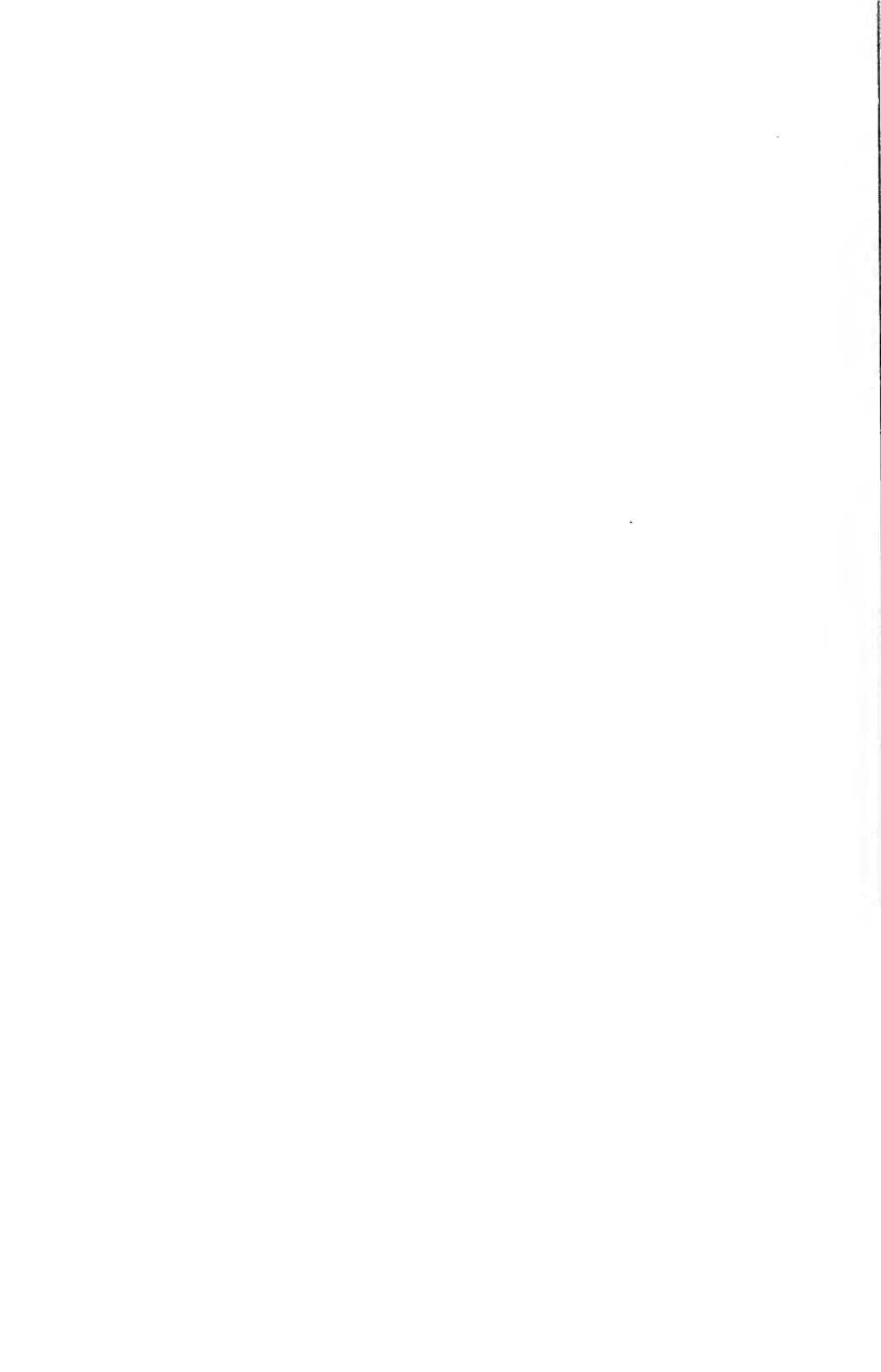
The building has a frontage of fifty-seven feet on the street, and is thirty-five feet deep. The exterior is of pressed brick, with granite and terra cotta trimmings, and slated roof. The entrance is from the northeast through a large arch and vestibule to the stairway hall; here access is had to the waiting and delivery room, which is thirteen and one-half by twenty-two and one-half feet. In the rear of the delivery room is the book room, of equal dimensions, and divided from it by an arch and counter. In this room are book shelves sufficient to accommodate four thousand volumes.

At the west end of the building is the reading room, fifteen by twenty-two feet; this room is connected with the delivery and book room by two large arches, between which is a large open fireplace and mantel of molded briks and terra cotta. To the south of the stairway hall is a room for the librarian and trustees.

The basement contains a selectmen's room, fifteen by twenty-two feet, with fireproof vault eight by eight



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feet, also fuel and furnace room, toilet and storage rooms. The lot slopes to the rear so that the basement rooms show a full story above ground. On the second floor of the building is a room thirty-two by twenty-two and one-half feet, suitable for historical exhibits, lectures, etc. The vestibule floor is mosaic tile and all the interior is finished and paneled in natural woods. Upon the front appears the inscription, "Gleason Library, A.D. '95."

The contract for construction was awarded to D. W. Fitch of Billerica. Daniel W. Robbins of Carlisle did the mason work, and James W. Long put in the foundation walls. The entire cost of the Gleason Library including land was \$9413.19; total amount of Gleason Fund was \$7825.40; excess paid by the town was \$1587.79; amount spent on Library grounds for labor, loam, gravel, trees and pump \$2256.44; entire cost in excess of the Gleason Fund, \$3844.23

The report of the trustees for the Gleason Library for the year ending March 1, 1897, which was their first report after the library building was dedicated, shows the receipts to have been \$156.16; expenditures \$150.09; unexpended \$6.07; whole number of books March 1, 1897, 1421; circulation of books during eight months 1081; average per month $135\frac{1}{8}$.

The first person to serve the town as librarian in the Gleason Library was Mrs. Mary A. Green, and the trustees making this first report were as follows: W. A. Prescott, Chairman; B. F. Blaisdell, Jr.; Mary A. Green, Secretary.

On the walls of the delivery room in addition to other pictures, are the portraits of the two patrons of the library, Mrs. Patten and Mrs. Gleason.

In the year 1911 the F. A. Casey Company of Billerica wired the library building for electric lights

at a cost of one hundred and five dollars. The wiring from the street to the building is underground.

In 1911 the town made a special appropriation of one hundred dollars for cataloging the library; of this amount \$95.03 was used.

Since the erection of the Gleason Library building several historical collections have been donated to the town, and now that the town has a suitable place for receiving and displaying collections of this nature, doubtless many more will subsequently be donated. The following copy of a letter explains itself and treats of the largest single collection thus far accepted by the town:

“Mason, N. H., August 25, 1916.

To the Trustees of the Public Library of Carlisle, Mass.

I, a son of Carlisle, wish to offer to the town as a free gift a collection of relics from the Battlefield of Gettysburg, to be placed on exhibition in the Public Library. I have some printed lists of the articles, which are now at the home of my sister in Somerville. The relics and cabinet will weigh about one thousand pounds and could best be moved by team. Kindly advise if you will accept.

Very truly yours,

W. IRVING HEALD.”

The above collection is catalogued under one hundred and nine heads, and the following copy of a letter written by Mr. Heald will give additional information regarding it.

“Pratt Station, N. H., October 9, 1916.

Dear Sister: About the value of the relics I gave the town of Carlisle, the collection is priceless. It would be impossible to get another like it. At the time I thought of selling it to the Grand Army Post of Boston, by the advice of Capt. E. A. Sanborn, who is competent to

judge in matters of that kind, I named one thousand dollars as the price. Capt. A. E. Long, government guide at Gettysburg, says in relation to it: 'There is but one collection in existence that will equal yours, and that is owned by the State of Pennsylvania, and that or your own can never be duplicated.'

To those only who realize the fact that the Battle of Gettysburg was the decisive engagement of the rebellion, will their full value be understood.

Your Brother,

W. I. HEALD."

CHAPTER XIV

TOWN BOUNDS

THE second District of Carlisle was established April 28, 1780, and the bounds established. These bounds have, however, been changed several times. The date of the first change was September 12, 1780, or less than five months after the district was formed, when a part of the district was annexed to the town of Concord. The second change in the original bounds was made March 1, 1783, when a part of the district was annexed to the town of Chelmsford. On February 18, 1805, the district was made a town and on February 17, 1865, a part of Chelmsford was annexed to Carlisle, and the bounds established.

The boundary lines on the southeasterly corner of the town, or the line separating that portion of the town of Carlisle from the town of Concord, were originally very irregular because of the unwillingness of certain inhabitants of that locality to be set off from the town of Concord, when the new district of Carlisle was established. An effort was made by the town of Carlisle in the year 1826 to effect a straightening of the bounds. A committee of three persons were appointed by the town, to confer with officials of the town of Concord in regard to the affair. This effort, however, proved ineffectual.

Again at a town meeting held November 10, 1851, Messrs. John Jacobs, Thomas Green and Joel Boynton were chosen a committee to petition the Legislature that the above-mentioned bounds be straightened, and said committee were authorized and instructed by the town to take all necessary measures to accomplish the purpose.



HOME OF MR. AND MRS. THOMAS A. GREEN

No results were obtained and several less pretentious attempts in the same direction also failed until May 23, 1903, when the zig-zag lines were eliminated and a continuous straight line now indicates the boundary between the two towns.

THE TOWN CLOCK

Carlisle is very fortunate in being the possessor by gift of a beautiful town clock, made by the Howard Clock Company and conspicuously installed on the tower of the Unitarian Church. Until the year 1870 it had been the custom of the town to have the church bell rung by man power, each week day at the noon hour. Under the new dispensation the church bell rings automatically, not only at the noon hour, but every hour of the day and night, and designates what the hour is, a great improvement and a great saving of man power, which appears to be getting more expensive as the years go by.

The following letter discloses the source from which the clock came and the conditions relative to it:

"Sudbury, Mass., October 6, 1894.

T. A. GREEN, Esq.:

Dear Sir: Your letter of October 4, speaking of the clock, is received and I write now to say that I will give to the town of Carlisle one thousand dollars (\$1000) to purchase a town clock, to be placed in the tower of the Unitarian Church, as I think that would be the most desirable place for it as the building is high and stands high. Whatever sum remains after the purchase of the clock, and the cost of placing it in position, I should wish to have safely invested, and the income used for the care of the clock.

Very respectfully yours,

JOANNA GLEASON."

At a town meeting held Tuesday, November 6, 1894, Art. V in the warrant read as follows: "To see if the town will accept a gift of one thousand dollars from Mrs. Joanna Gleason of Sudbury, for the erection of a town clock, to be placed in the tower of the Unitarian Church, or act thereon." It was "voted to accept the gift."

At the annual town meeting held Monday, March 18, 1895, it was "voted that the town extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Joanna Gleason, for the gift of a town clock, and that the selectmen be instructed to draw up resolutions to that effect, and forward to Mrs. Gleason, and that they be placed on record." The selectmen attended to their duties, and the result of their action is as follows:

"Resolved, That the thanks of the town be extended to Mrs. Joanna Gleason, for her noble gift of a town clock, placed in the steeple of our historic meeting-house, in memoriam of her dearly beloved father and mother; and that we assure our noble benefactress that the citizens of her native town will always hold in loving remembrance, not only those in whose memory her splendid gift is bestowed, but our hearts' gratitude shall also go out to the donor till time shall be no more. And also be it *Resolved*, that these resolutions shall be spread upon the records of the town, and a copy of them be presented to Mrs. Gleason.

JOHN Q. A. GREEN,
GEORGE E. FRENCH,
JOHN P. DAVIS,
Selectmen of Carlisle.

Carlisle, Mass., March 26, 1895."

The cost of the town clock, including installing same in the church tower, was six hundred dollars and the balance remaining was subsequently increased by Mrs.

Gleason, so that the amount of the original fund, the income from which is to be used for the care of the clock, was also six hundred dollars.

CARLISLE PINES

What has come to be known as the Carlisle Pines includes about one hundred specimens of this variety, which have escaped the often-threatened destruction by fire, and that other alternative, the woodman's axe, are located on a reservation of about nine acres on the western edge of Carlisle, at the foot of an eminence known as Railtree Hill. It was late in the fall of 1901 that Mr. Warren H. Manning of Billerica, who was a member of the executive committee of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, found lumbermen just getting at work on the tract. As an expert he at once recognized the monumental and historical value of these trees, and by negotiation with the purchasers of the timber rights he secured an option upon the property. He then presented the matter to his colleagues on the executive board of the Association, and after an inspection of the trees, they decided to take the matter up, and open a subscription for the purchase of the land and the timber rights.

The Forestry Association was young and had no corporate funds available for such purposes, but its members individually made prompt response to the call upon them. The Appalachian Mountain Club is empowered under its special charter to hold land for public reservations, and it seemed best to make that strong and public-spirited organization the custodian of the Carlisle property when acquired. The proposition was officially presented to the Club, and its council endorsed the movement, and subscribed one hundred dollars to the fund. From that time the official representatives of the two

bodies worked together for the success of the undertaking.

The largest financial assistance came from the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture, which subscribed five hundred dollars, conditioned only upon the deed being satisfactory to the society's council, and the land being held permanently for the public. Mr. Arthur Warren of Chelmsford, one of the two owners of the timber rights, contributed his individual check for one hundred dollars, and other contributions ranging from one to one hundred dollars brought the amount up to seventeen hundred dollars. Two hundred dollars of this was turned over to the trustees for improvements and maintenance, and the balance paid for the property after the proper surveys had been made, and the deed acquired.

The Carlisle Pines are estimated to be from one hundred and fifty to two hundred years old, and were probably mature when the minutemen gathered from all the country about them at Concord and Lexington, and when Carlisle came into existence as a district.

One of the trees has an altitude of 122.5 feet and there are several over 119 feet. The circumference of some of the larger trees three feet above the ground ranges from nine to ten and one-half feet, with a diameter of thirty-six to forty inches.

August 26, 1918, was a very hot day, and it was on the afternoon of that day that the author, in company with a friend, visited the Pines. A group of about a dozen of the larger trees, rising from the low land under Railtree Hill, particularly attracted our attention, as they stood there straight and tall, with the hot sunlight of an August day, just preceding an electric storm, shimmering through their feathery foliage. They were about what we expected to see, sentinels of a New England forest, larger and taller than any others



STREET SCENE AND COMMON, CARLISLE CENTER

for miles and miles around, and well worth the effort of a visit.

It would not be proper to compare these trees with those found in the Yosemite Valley of California, where there are sequoias that soar to an altitude of three hundred feet, and where the author, in making a detour from Big Tree Station a few years ago, came to the Grizzly Giant, one of the largest of the sequoia variety, which had a circumference of one hundred feet, and the lower limb, branching out one hundred feet from the ground, was said to be six feet in diameter. Also in the grove at the Castle of Chepultepec, near the city of Mexico, are cypress trees festooned with Spanish moss, whose origin is said to antedate the advent of the Saviour, and whose circumference in certain cases is very great, the author being one of nine persons joining hands to encircle one of the larger specimens. The Pines belong to a different class, and never attain to the proportions mentioned above, but are exceedingly good specimens of their class, for this locality.

STREET RAILWAYS

It appeared at one time, when the boom for street railways was at its height, that Carlisle, in common with most of her neighboring towns, would participate in this kind of transportation. It would require the construction of about nine miles of roadway to connect Concord with the terminus of the street railway already operating from Lowell to Chelmsford, and thus a connection would be made, transferring to any part of the State, supplying transportation to a rural community not served by any public conveyance, and the route would traverse a section of more than ordinary beauty of scenery.

A warrant for a special town meeting to be held

Tuesday, February 8, 1898, was issued, and contained six articles, four of which referred to the proposed Marlboro and Lowell Street Railway Company. Art. V read: "To see what amount of money if any the town will vote to petition the Legislature for leave to subscribe for and hold in the capital stock of the Marlboro and Lowell Street Railway Company or act thereon." It was "voted that the town take \$20,000 worth of stock in the Marlboro and Lowell Street Railway Company, provided that they build the road through the center of the village, and that no stock be taken until the road is built and equipped."

Nothing ever developed as the result of the above vote, and on September 29, 1900, a petition by the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company for a location of tracks in Carlisle, over practically the same route as was desired by the Marlboro and Lowell Street Railway Company was received by the selectmen of the town.

In consideration of the foregoing petition, a public hearing was given to all interested parties at Union Hall in said town on Saturday, December 1, 1900, at two-thirty in the afternoon.

The result of the hearing was favorable to the Railway Company and the selectmen so notified their officials by a detailed document, dated January 9, 1901, which the directors of said road acknowledged and accepted as set forth in a communication dated January 17, 1901. Like the former petition, no further action was taken, and Carlisle is still (1920) lacking public transportation facilities.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING

The era of tallow candles, sperm oil and fluid lights for indoor illumination was supplanted about the year

1860 by kerosene oil, which at that time was not so thoroughly refined as the same article sold a few years later. The color was a lightish brown, and the oil sold at a dollar a gallon, but the candle power of the light produced was so much superior to all former illuminants, that it came into general use, and soon decreased in price, and improved in quality. About twenty years later electricity began to be used as an illuminant, but more particularly for street lighting.

At a special town meeting called for Wednesday, May 24, 1911, Article II in the warrant read: "To see what action the town will take in regard to entering into a ten-year contract with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for installing a system of street lighting in the town." It was "voted that a committee consisting of three members be appointed and hereby are authorized and empowered to enter into and execute, in the name and behalf of the town of Carlisle, a ten-year written contract for street lighting in the town, at a price not exceeding \$13.33 per light of forty candlepower per year. The lights to be not less than thirty-nine in number, such contract to be submitted to the town for ratification." The result of the vote was yes, forty-two, no, thirteen. It was also "voted that the committee be appointed by the moderator," and the following were named: Daniel W. Robbins, James H. Wilkins, Warren B. Chamberlin, who were the selectmen of the town.

At a special town meeting held Saturday evening, June 10, 1911, on motion of Rev. Philip A. Job, it was "voted unanimously that the town ratify the contract made by the selectmen with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston," and thus the new and superior illuminant was introduced in the town for street lighting purposes, and soon was used in public buildings and many residences.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE STATION

A public telephone station was established in Carlisle about the year 1895, in the S. A. & J. E. Bull store building, and subsequently numerous party lines and residential services were installed.

CHAPTER XV

TOWN OFFICIALS

The more important town officers, with the dates and years of service, have been as follows:

TOWN CLERKS

Zebulon Spaulding, 1780–1784.....	5 years
Asa Parlin, 1785–1802, 1806–1808.....	21 years
John Jacobs, 1803–1809–1812, 1826.....	6 years
John Jacobs, Jr., 1847–1852.....	6 years
Jonathan Heald, 1804–1805, 1818–1820.....	5 years
Jonathan Heald, Jr., 1813–1814.....	2 years
John Heald, Jr., 1815–1817, 1821–1825, 1827– 1829.....	11 years
Cyrus Heald, 1830–1835, 1845–1846.....	8 years
Calvin Heald, 1836–1840, 1843–1844.....	7 years
Ephraim Robbins, 1841–1842.....	2 years
George F. Duren, 1853–1869.....	17 years
Selar Simons, 1870–1872.....	3 years
Austin Marsh, 1873–1880.....	8 years
John E. Bull, 1881–1890.....	10 years
Warren B. Chamberlin 1891–1898, resigned September 20, 1898.....	8 years
Daniel W. Robbins, elected October 21, 1898– 1901.....	4 years
Daniel L. Chamberlin, 1902–1907.....	6 years
Frank H. Billington, 1908–1911, resigned June 17, 1911.....	4 years
Herbert A. Lee, 1912–1914.....	3 years

Dexter C. Whittemore, 1915-1919	5 years
William Foss, Jr., 1920	1 year

TOWN TREASURERS

Captain Samuel Heald, 1780-1785	6 years
Simon Blood, Jr., 1786-1787	2 years
Jonathan Blood, 1788	1 year
Samuel Green, 1789-1802	14 years
Nathan Green, Jr., 1803-1818	16 years
John Green, 1819-1828, 1830-1838	19 years
John Nelson, 1829	1 year
Thomas Green, 1839-1862	24 years
William Green, 1863-1880	18 years
Thomas A. Green, 1881-1882	2 years
Humphrey Prescott, 1883	1 year
Sidney A. Bull, 1884-1892	9 years
Warren B. Chamberlin, 1893-1898 (resigned September 20, 1898) 1902-1906, 1909-1916	19 years
Herbert A. Lee, 1907-1908, 1917-1920	6 years

SELECTMEN

Zebulon Spaulding, 1780, 1783-1784	3 years
Capt. Phineas Blood, 1780-1781	2 years
Lieut. John Heald, 1780-1781	2 years
Samuel Green, 1781, 1799-1800	3 years
Lieut. Issachar Andrews, 1781-1784	4 years
Simon Blood, Jr., 1781, 1785-1793, died Novem- ber 7, 1793	10 years
Asa Parlin, 1782, 1785-1802, 1806-1808	22 years
Zacheus Green, 1782	1 year
Nathaniel Hutchinson, 1783	1 year
Nathan Parlin, 1784	1 year
Jonathan Heald, 1785-1786, 1788-1801, 1804- 1805, 1818-1820	21 years

Deacon Ephraim Robbins, 1787, 1794-1795, 1801-1802, 1806-1808	8 years
Leonard Green, 1796-1797	2 years
John Jacobs, 1798, 1803, 1809-1812, 1826	7 years
Nathan Green, Jr. 1802	1 year
John Green, 1803, 1829	2 years
Thomas Spaulding, 1803	1 year
Frederick Blood, 1804-1805	2 years
Ezekiel Nickles, 1804-1805, 1833	3 years
Nehemiah Andrews, 1806-1807	2 years
Capt. Timothy Heald, 1808-1812	5 years
Eliakim Hutchins, 1809, 1815	2 years
Thomas Heald, 1810, 1812, 1821-1823, 1829	7 years
Jonathan Heald, Jr., 1813-1814	2 years
Benjamin Robbins, 1813-1814	2 years
Major Jonas Parker, 1813-1817, 1830-1832	8 years
Captain John Heald, Jr., 1815-1817, 1821-1825, 1827-1829	11 years
Aaron Robbins, 1816-1817, 1820-1821	4 years
Aaron Fletcher, 1818-1819	2 years
Paul Forbush, 1818-1819	2 years
Isaiah Green, 1820-1823	4 years
Cyrus Heald, 1824-1828, 1830-1835, 1845-1846	13 years
James Green, 1824-1825	2 years
Cyrus Green, 1826-1828, 1833	4 years
Thomas Heald, Jr., 1830-1832	3 years
William Green, 2d, 1834-1836, 1840	4 years
Thomas Page, 1834-1840	7 years
Calvin Heald, 1836-1840, 1843-1844	7 years
Ai Wheat, 1837	1 year
William Durant, 1838	1 year
Benjamin P. Hutchins, 1838	1 year
Benjamin Barrett, 1839, 1842	2 years
Ephraim Robbins, 1841-1842	2 years
Joseph V. Heald, 1841-1842	2 years

Benjamin F. Heald, 1841, 1844-1845, 1870-1872, 1875	7 years
John D. Robbins, 1843	1 year
George F. Duren, 1843-1844, 1852-1862, 1864-1868, 1873-1874, 1876	21 years
John Jacobs, 1845-1852, 1864	9 years
Thomas Green, 1846-1851	6 years
Lucius Styles, 1847-1849	3 years
Joel Boynton, 1850-1862, 1865, 1870, 1873	16 years
Ebenezer Champney, 1853-1854, 1875	3 years
John Q. A. Green, 1853-1854, 1863, 1878, 1884-1887, 1892, 1894-1895	11 years
Timothy Wilkins, 1855	1 year
Isaac Blaisdell, 1856-1860, 1862	6 years
Selar Simons, 1861	1 year
Abram Hutchins, 1863	1 year
J. M. Currier, 1863, 1872	2 years
Sebra D. Bartlett, 1864-1865	2 years
William Farrar, 1866-1869	4 years
John H. Champney, 1866	1 year
Samuel E. Scott, 1867	1 year
Nathaniel A. Taylor, 1868-1869	2 years
George S. Skelton, 1869-1871, 1876-1884	12 years
William W. Morse, 1871	1 year
Samuel H. Robbins, 1872	1 year
Humphrey Prescott, 1873	1 year
Austin Marsh, 1874, 1877	2 years
Daniel W. Robbins, 1874-1875, 1888-1892 1899-1901, 1904-1905, 1907-1909-1913	18 years
Asa Nickles, 1876-1883	8 years
George H. Robbins, 1879, 1886, 1888-1889	4 years
Nathaniel Hutchinson, 1880-1881, 1887	3 years
Sidney A. Bull, 1882	1 year
Albert S. Day, 1883	1 year
John P. Davis, 1884-1889, 1891, 1893, 1895, 1903	10 years

John E. Bull, 1885	1 year
Abel G. Hodgman, 1887	1 year
Warren H. Blaisdell, 1890-1891, 1893-1894 1898, 1900-1902	8 years
Leonard M. Green, 1890, 1893	2 years
Warren B. Chamberlin, 1892, 1896, 1909-1911	5 years
George E. French, 1894-1895	2 years
Charles Forbush, 1896-1897	2 years
Charles A. Skelton, 1896-1901	6 years
Edward J. Carr, 1897-1898, 1902-1903	4 years
Benjamin F. Blaisdell, 1899, 1905, 1919-1920	4 years
Dexter C. Whittemore, 1902-1905, 1907	5 years
Daniel L. Chamberlin, 1904, 1906-1908	3 years
Herbert P. Dutton, 1906-1908	3 years
George R. Duren, 1906	1 year
Fred C. Cook, 1908-1909	2 years
Warren C. Nickles, 1910	1 year
James H. Wilkins, 1911-1918	8 years
James S. Anthony, 1912-1920	9 years
William Foss, Jr., 1914-1919	6 years
Eugene S. Bearce, 1920	1 year

REPRESENTATIVES

The following is a list of names of those who have served as representatives in the State Legislature from Carlisle, and also the years in which they held office.

Deacon Ephraim Robbins, 1790, 1806, 1807, 1808.

Asa Parlin, 1803, convention 1788.

Rev. Paul Litchfield, 1809, 1810, 1811.

Timothy Heald, 1812.

Thomas Heald, 1815.

Jonathan Heald, Jr., 1816.

John Heald, 1818, 1821, 1823, 1826, 1827, 1830.

Dr. John Nelson, 1824.

Cyrus Heald, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835.
 Benjamin Barrett, 1836, convention 1820.
 Rev. George W. Stacy, 1837.
 Calvin Heald, 1839, 1866.
 Amos Spaulding, 1840, 1841.
 Thomas Green, 1843, 1850.
 Benjamin F. Heald, 1848.
 John Jacobs, Jr., 1851, convention 1853.
 Joel Boynton, 1852.
 Amos T. Monroe, 1855.
 Samuel B. Chamberlain, 1860.
 Humphrey Prescott, 1871.
 Sidney A. Bull, 1880.
 James H. Wilkins, 1919-1920.

The following is a list of the names of residents of the town of Carlisle who have been appointed to the office of justice of the peace; also the date and number of years of service.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Asa Parlin, 1789-1824	35 years
Jonathan Heald, 1794-1810 (died March 22, 1810)	16 years
Jonathan Heald, Jr., 1817-1824	7 years
Nathaniel Hutchinson, Jr., 1817-1824	7 years
John Heald, 1823-1844	21 years
John Nelson, 1824-1836	12 years
Calvin Heald, 1837-1865	28 years
Amos Spaulding, 1841-1855	14 years
Benjamin Barrett, 1843-1850	7 years
John Jacobs, 1842-1859	7 years
George F. Duren, 1855-1894	39 years
Stephen Taylor, 1857-1864	7 years
Selar Simons, 1862-1884	22 years

Albion A. Adams, 1881-1902.....	21 years
Nathaniel A. Taylor, 1883-1890.....	7 years
George R. Duren, 1887-1920.....	33 years
Warren B. Chamberlin, 1895-1919 (died November 7, 1919).....	24 years
Frank H. Billington, 1908-1911 (Notary Public).....	3 years
Dexter C. Whittemore, 1916-1920 (Notary Public).....	4 years

PHYSICIANS

The following is a list of physicians who have resided and practiced in the town, the latter being the resident physician for sixty-one years: John Nelson, 1816-1836; Paul C. Kittredge, 1837-1839; Austin Marsh, 1839-1900.

POPULATION

The population of the town for each decade, from 1790, as supplied by the United States census, is as follows: 1790, 555; 1800, 634; 1810, 672; 1820, 681; 1830, 566; 1840, 556; 1850, 632; 1860, 621; 1870, 569; 1880, 478; 1890, 481; 1900, 480; 1910, 551; 1920, 463.

CHAPTER XVI

SOME ANCIENT DOCUMENTS

TIMOTHY WILKINS' DEED

“To all People to whom these presents shall come,
Greeting.

Know ye that I Timothy Wilkins of Concord in the County of Middlesex and Magesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England yeoman, for and in consideration of the love and regard that I have for the public worship of God and the good of my neighbours & fellow creatures espetially the persons hereafter mentioned & named viz. Mr. John Green John Green Jr. Frances Blood, John Fletcher, Nathaniel Taylor Jun^r. Solomon Andras, Timothy Wilkins Jr. Stephen Blood, Jeremiah Andras, Isaac Wilkins, Joseph Taylor, Zeeheas Green, Elizebeth Spaulding all of Concord in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay, and Thomas Spaulding, Job Spaulding Jonas Robens John Kidder Jonas Keyes John Spaulding the 3d all of chelmsford in County and Providence aforesaid, and James Nicless Abraham Durent Nathan Munrow John Henery, Henary Foster all of Billerica in the County and Province aforesaid. I have therefore freely fully and absolutely give grant and convey and confirm unto the persons above written their heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever for the covenanty of building a Meeting house for the public worship of God, and other public uses, one acre and a half of upland lying in Concord aforesaid, lying Southwesterly from my dwelling house in Concord, bounded as followeth the South East Corner a stake and stones then running westwardly sixteen pole

to a black oak tree marked. then running northwardly fifteen pole to a stake and stones, then running Easterly sixteen pole to a white oak tree marked then running southwardly fifteen poles to the bound first mentioned — To Have and to Hold the said granted and given premises with all the privileges appurtenances & commodities to the same belonging or in any appertaining to them the persons above named of Coneord, Chelmsford & Billerica their heirs and assigns forever for to build a Meeting house on and other public uses forever. And I the said Timothy Wilkins for my self my heirs Executors and administrators do covinant promas and grant to and with them the said John Green Thomas Spaulding and James Nieless and the other persons above written their heirs and assigns that before the ensealing hereof I Timothy Wilkins am the true, sole and lawful owner of the above given premises and am lawfully seised and possessed of the same in my own proper right as a good perfect and absolute estate of inheritance in fee simple and have in myself good right full power & lawful authority to give convey & confirm said given premises as aforesaid and that the persons aforesaid their heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time & at all times forever hereafter by face and vertue of these presants lawfully peaceable and quietly use and improve the said demised and given premises with the appurtenances for the public uses as above said free and clear and freely and clearly acquitted and exonerated and discharged of and from all & all manner of former or other gifts grants bargains *sails Leaces* Mortgages wills and entails joyntures judgments Executions or incumbrances of what name or nature soever, that might in any measure or degree obstruct or make void this present deed of gift.

Furthermore I the said Timothy Wilkins for my self my heirs executors and administrators do covenant and

engage the above given premises to them the above said John Green, John Green Jun^r. Frances Blood John Fletcher, Nathaniel Taylor Jr^r Solomon Andras, Isaac Wilkins, Timothy Wilkins Jr., Stephen Blood Jeremiah Andras, Joseph Taylor Zacheas Green, Elisabeth Spaulding Thomas Spaulding, Job Spaulding, Jonas Robens, John Kidder Jonas Keyes, John Spaulding 3d James Nicless, Abraham Durant, Nathan Munrow, John Henry, Henry Foster their heirs & assigns against the lawful claims and demands of any person or persons whatsoever forever hereafter to warrant secure and defend by these presents.

In witness whereof I the said Timothy Wilkins have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of July 1758. In the thirty first year of his Majesties reign George the Second &c.

Timothy Wilkins [SEAL]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us
Nathan Green,
Samuel Green."

The foregoing instrument conveys, as a free gift, the land on which the first meeting-house was built by subscription, about the year 1760, during the interval between the formation of the two districts of Carlisle, and was known as the meeting-house lot.

The first meeting-house was struck by lightning May 26, 1810, and burned to the ground. The second meeting-house was built by the town of Carlisle in the year 1811, on the same conveyed and given premises, a few feet to the southeast from the original location.

Timothy Wilkins' dwelling was probably located at the time of the above transfer north of the second meeting-house, on the corner, in the center of the town, which was successively owned and occupied since 1870 by Jabez Reynolds, John H. Duren and Everett Lapham.

REUBEN DUREN'S DEED

“Know all men by these Presents that I Reuben Duren of Carlisle, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massaehusetts yeoman, In consideration of thirty dollars paid by the Inhabitants of the town of Carlisle in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid, the receipt of which I do hereby aeknowledge, do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Inhabitants of Carlisle in their corporate capacity their successors and assigns forever, a certain piece of land lying in said Carlisle near the Meetinghouse, containing by estimation about half an aere, be the same more or less, bounded as follows viz. Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the Meetinghouse lot thence running southerly by a stone wall about three rods to the South County road so called, then westerly by said road till it comes to the road leading from Chelmsford by Aaron Fletchers Blacksmith shop to Concord, thence northerly by said last mentioned road till it comes to said Meetinghouse lot, thence southerly by said Meetinghouse lot till it comes to the southwest corner o^e the same, thence easterly by said Meetinghouse lot to the bound or corner first mentioned excepting out of the same the roads which are included within said bounds if any are included —

To Have and to Hold afore granted Premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said Inhabitants of the town of Carlisle their successors and assigns to their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Inhabitants of Carlisle their successors & assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the Premises that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Inhabitants in manner aforesaid and that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Inhabitants of Carlisle their successors and assigns

forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In witness whereof I the said Reuben Duren together with Susanna Duren my wife who hereby relinquishes her right of Dower and power of thirds in the Premises have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty-second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Reuben Duren [SEAL]
Susanna Duren [SEAL]

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of us,
Asa Parlin,
Cyrus Nutting."

The Reuben Duren deed conveys to the inhabitants of Carlisle, in consideration of the sum of thirty dollars, one-half acre of land located and bounding the meeting-house lot on the south and west sides.

CYRUS NUTTING DEED

"Know all men by these Presents that I Cyrus Nutting of Carlisle in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Cordwainer in consideration of nine dollars paid by the Inhabitants of the town of Carlisle in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Inhabitants of the town of Carlisle their successors and assigns forever a certain piece of land lying in said Carlisle near the Meetinghouse containing about six rods be the same more or less bounded as follows viz. Beginning at a stake and stones at the southeasterly corner of said piece on the north side of the Meetinghouse lot then running westerly by said Meetinghouse lot till it comes to the road which

crosses the northwest corner of said lot then running northeasterly by said road till it comes to a townway leading from said road towards the Meetinghouse then southerly by said townway to the bound first mentioned —

To have and to hold the afore granted Premises to the said Inhabitants of Carlisle their successors and assigns to them and their use and behoof forever and I do covenant with the said Inhabitants of Carlisle their successors and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the Premises that they are free of all incumbrances That I have good right to sell and convey the same to said Inhabitants in manner aforesaid and that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Inhabitants of Carlisle their successors and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Cyrus Nutting. [SEAL]

signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of us
Asa Parlin
Salaima Parlin."

The Cyrus Nutting deed, in consideration of nine dollars, conveys to the inhabitants of Carlisle six rods of land, located and forming part of the northern boundary of the meeting-house lot. The Timothy Wilkins gift of one and one-half acres, the Reuben Duren deed of one-half acre, and the Cyrus Nutting deed of six rods of land, all located in the center of Carlisle, constitute what is now known as the Carlisle Common.

WILL OF SIMON BLOOD JUN^R.

"In the Name of God Amen the fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hun-

dred and ninety three I Simon Blood Jun^r of Carlisle in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman Knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die and being in a low State of health but of sound mind do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament (viz.).

First of all I Recommend my soul to God who gave it trusting in the merits of my Redeemer my body I Recommend to the Dust to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executor hereinafter named.

Item my will is that my Just Debts Legaces and Funeral charges be paid out of my Estate by my Executor herein after named.

Item I give unto the District of Carlisle aforesaid a Lott of woodland lying in said Carlisle near Mr. Timothy Wilkinses Bounding partly on said Wilkins land partly on Capt. Samuel Healds land and partly on Land of David Blood said Lott to be kept for a Ministerial Lott for the benefit of said District and no more wood to be cut on said Lott yearly than to Supply the Minister.

Item My will is that there be paid out of my Estate to the Selectmen of the said District of Carlisle or to such person or persons as the said District may appoint to receive the same: the sum of one hundred pounds to be forever kept for the use of said District the income thereof to be laid out annually for the support of schooling as the said District may think best.

Item My will is that their be paid out of my Estate to my Cousin Jonas Blood the sum of one hundred pounds which sum together with one yoke of oxen I give to him the said Jonas his heirs and assigns forever.

Item My will is that there be paid out of my Estate to my Sister Jane Blood fifty pounds which sum I give to her the said Jane her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give unto my Cousin Sarah Blood her heirs

and assigns forever the sum of fifty pounds also two Cows and two yearlings and one Desk.

Item I give unto Asa Parlin of said Carlisle his heirs and assigns forever the sum of fifteen pounds.

Item My will is that all the Remainder of my Estate Real Personal or mixed which I shall die seized of not herein before Disposed of be Divided to each one within named in the same proportion as what is particularly mentioned to be given them or if I should die not seized of so much Estate as is herein particularly mentioned then the whole after my Just Debts and funeral charges are paid to be Divided in the same proportion as aforesaid and I do constitute the said Asa Parlin my Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do disanul and revoke all former Wills Rattifying this and only this to be my last Will and Testament.

Simon Blood, Jun. [SEAL]

in presence of
Jonathan Blood
John Robbins Junr.
David Parlin Jun."

A meeting of the members of the First Religious Society in Carlisle was held at their meeting-house January 15, 1853. The first article in the warrant was "To see if the Parish will vote to sell the ministerial lot." It was "Voted that it is expedient that the ministerial lot should be sold, and the proceeds thereof be invested otherwise for the benefit of the parish." A committee of three were chosen, who made application to the General Court for the necessary authority, which was granted by an Act passed March 29, 1853, and the lot, which contained about seventeen acres, and originally furnished fuel for the minister's home when there was but one church supported by the town, was disposed of, and the proceeds added to the parish fund.

WILL OF GEORGE ROBBINS

Will of George, son of Robert Robbins, who was either the first or second owner of the Robbins farm in North Carlisle, which was originally a part of Chelmsford.

"In the Name of God Amen. I Georg Robins of Chelmsford in ye County of Middlesex, in New England, being of a sound & disposing mind, Do Committ my Soul to God my heavenly Father and my body to ye dust, therein to be decently interred, according to ye diseresion of the Executor of this my will hereafter mentioned, And as to ye estate which God hath bestowed upon me, I dispose it in manner as followeth. Imprimis. I give to my beloved wife Mary Twenty pounds in Corn and Cattle, at Countrey price, as it goes between man and man, this to be paid within four years after my Death, to my three sonnes Samuel, Eliezer & Benjamin I give Ten pounds to each of them. Also to my son Jonathan I give Ten pounds; Also to Tho: my son I give five pounds, these Legacies to be paid them in Corn or Cattle when they come to be of age. Also to my Daughter Sarah, I give my feather bed with its furniture and also ten pounds & to my Daughter Mary I give Ten pounds, both these to be paid in three years after my Death half of it in houshold goods the other half in Corn or Cattle; Also to my son Phillip I give half of my meddow which I bought of George Harly of Billerica, lying by Concord Road, and twelve acres of Upland lying by Samuel Barret. Item to my two sonnes John and George I give all ye rest of my lands, equally to be divided among themselves as they shall agree. Finally I Constitute, and make my sonnes John and George to be Executors of this my last will and Testament, appointing them to take care that all my just debts be paid, that this is my last will and testament. In witness thereof I sett to my hand

and Seal this 19th day of February in ye year of our Lord one thousand six hundred & eighty eight, eighty nine.

Signed Sealed and
Delivered in presence
of us The mark of George
Samuel Miriam Robbins @
Juda Potter
Joseph Estabrook, junr.

This is a tru Copy of ye will of George Robins, Esq.
was Exhibited in Court October 1, 1689 & proved
Att: Sam^{ll} Phipps, Cler."

WILL OF JOANNA GLEASON

“I, Joanna Gleason, of Sudbury, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, widow, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, I give, devise and bequeath as follows, viz:

First. I give to the Town of Carlisle, in said Middlesex County, the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7000), to be kept safely invested and the income thereof to be annually distributed by the selectmen for the time being, or under their direction, in their discretion, among the needy inhabitants of that town, who are not paupers, such distribution to be made without distinction of nationality or religion; also the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600), to be kept safely invested and the income used for defraying the expense of taking care of the town clock.

Second. I give to the First Congregational (Uni-

tarian) Society in Carlisle, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), and the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000) to the Orthodox Congregational Society in said town, said sums to be kept safely invested and the income thereof expended annually for the support of preaching in Carlisle.

Third. I give to the Town of Carlisle aforesaid the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) to be kept safely invested and the income thereof to be applied to the care and preservation of the lot of my father Major Jonas Parker, and the lot of my sister Olive Maria Parker, in the Green Cemetery, so called, in said town.

Fourth. I give to Elizabeth B. Tolman, wife of George Tolman, of Concord in the County of Middlesex, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000), and to her sister, Clara M. Adams, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000); and to Dr. James E. Marsh, of Maynard, in said county, I give all my real estate in Sudbury, to him and his heirs and assigns forever. And in case of the decease of said legatees and devisee or any of them, during my lifetime, it is my will that said legacies shall be paid to the person or persons entitled by law to receive the personal estate of such deceased person, and that said devise shall take effect in favor of the heirs-at-law of said Marsh.

Fifth. I give to the Unitarian Society and the Methodist Society, both in the center of said Sudbury, to each the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000), and to the Orthodox Society at South Sudbury the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000); said sums in each case to be kept safely invested, and the income to be expended annually for the support of preaching in Sudbury.

Sixth. I give to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association in said Sudbury the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to be kept safely invested and the income

thereof to be annually expended in the care and preservation of my lot and the monuments therein; the balance of said income, if any, to be applied to the improvement of that part of the cemetery which lies to the westward of the wall near lot numbered thirty-eight, supposed to belong to Martin Moore.

Seventh. I direct my executor to procure and set up for me a head-stone just like my husband's, to be procured, if possible, from Andrews & Wheeler, of Lowell.

Eighth. I give to the Goodman Improvement Society in said Sudbury the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), to be kept safely invested and the income thereof to be expended annually for the purposes of the Society.

Ninth. Of all the remainder and residue of my estate, I give one-half to the Town of Sudbury and one-half to the Town of Carlisle, the principal in each case to be kept safely invested and the income annually distributed by the selectmen in their discretion among the needy inhabitants of said towns respectively who are not paupers, and without distinction of nationality or religion.

Tenth. It is my will that the several funds provided for in this instrument shall be invested either in savings banks in Massachusetts, or in such manner as said savings banks may under the law invest their deposits.

Eleventh. I hereby nominate Charles H. Walcott, of Concord, to be the executor of this my will, and request that he may be exempted from furnishing surety or sureties on his bond. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of October in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Joanna Gleason [SEAL]

Sudbury October 1, 1894.

Then the foregoing instrument was signed, sealed, published and declared by Joanna Gleason as and for

her last will in the presence of us, who, at her request, in her presence, and in the presence of each other hereto set our names as witnesses.

Hobart M. Noyes James E. Bent Joseph Lovering
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts }
 Middlesex, ss. Registry of Probate }

A true copy.

Attest,

F. M. Esty,
 Register."

STOP THIEF!

"Broken open, on the night of the 20th of August instant, a store in Carlisle, belonging to Wheat and Green, out of which were taken several articles, among which were a wool hat, a light brown coat with pewter buttons, a double breasted chocolate colored jacket, several calf skins part cut, several pairs of mens shoes, and some womens leather ditto, several yards tow cloth, two pair tow trowsers, one pair never worn, several pair of brass sleave buttons and two raiors.

It is supposed that there were two persons if no more concerned in the theft.

Whoever will take up the thief or thieves, so that they may be brought to justice, or procure the stolen articles to be returned to the owners, shall be handsomely rewarded by

Daniel Wheat,
 Nathan Green, Jun."

Carlisle, August 21, 1789.

DIED IN A FIT

"Middlesex ss. an Inquisition Taken at Carlisle within the said County of middlesex on the tenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hun-

dred and Ninety Eight before David Brown Gentleman one of the Coroners of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts within the County of Middlesex aforesaid upon the vew of the Body of a certain black man with one wooden leg name unknown to us then and there Lying Dead in the District of Carlisle by the oaths of Zacheus Green Jonathan Blood Samuel Green Timothy Wilkins Nathan Crosby James Nickles William Spaulding Daniel Wheat John Green Amos Blood Reuben Durent Frederick Blood Job Nickles and James Wilkins . . . Good and Lawful men of the County aforesaid who being Charged and Sworn to inquire for our Commonwealth when and by what means and how the said Black man Come to his Death on their oaths do Say that the Said Black man was found Dead and it is the opinion of the jurors above named that he Died in a fit and we Suppose he has been Dead three weaks In witness whereof as well I the Coroner afore Said of the jurors above said to this Inquisition have interchangeably put our hands and Seals the Day and year above Said,

Zacheus Green	[SEAL]
Jonathan Blood	[SEAL]
Samuel Green	[SEAL]
Timothy Wilkins	[SEAL]
Nathan Crosby	[SEAL]
James Nickles	[SEAL]
William Spaulding	[SEAL]
Daniel Wheat	[SEAL]
John Green	[SEAL]
Amos Blood	[SEAL]
Reuben Durent	[SEAL]
Fredrick Blood	[SEAL]
Job Nickles	[SEAL]
James Wilkins	[SEAL]
David Brown a Coroner."	[SEAL]

AN OLD BILL

Copy of bill for church bell installed in the steeple of the Unitarian Church.

“Boston, Feb’ry 8, 1858.”

Capt. Thomas Green & others, Carlisle, Mass.

Bought of Henry N. Hooper & Co.

No. 24 Commercial Street,

1 Bell ¹⁰⁶⁴	& Tongue ²⁶	—1090	lb. at ³⁰	327.00
Yoke, Frame, Wheel & Standard				38.00
				<hr/>
By old Bell metal in exchange	798	lb at ²⁴		\$365.00
				191.52
Rec’d Payment				<hr/>
				\$173.48
				Henry N. Hooper & Co.”

DEED OF MEETING-HOUSE PEW

“Know all men by these presents, that we, Asa Parlin, Nathan Green Jun. and Thomas Heald, all of Carlisle, in the county of Middlesex and commonwealth of Massachusetts, a committee duly chosen by the town of Carlisle to contract with some person or persons to build a meetinghouse in said town and to sell the pews in said house, the proceeds of the sales to be appropriated towards paying the expense of building said house, did on the nineteenth day of November, A.D. 1810, sell to Leonard Green, of said Carlisle, yeoman, Pew No. 43 on the lower floor in said House for the sum of forty-six dollars.

Therefore we, the said Asa Parlin, Nathan Green Jun. and Thomas Heald, by virtue of the power and authority in us vested by said town, and in consideration of the sum aforesaid, paid to us in our capacity as committee, for the use aforesaid, by the said Leonard Green, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby sell and convey unto the said Leonard Green,

his heirs and assigns forever, to his and their use, so that neither the inhabitants of Carlisle or any other person or persons shall molest him the said Leonard Green, his heirs or assigns in the quiet use and enjoyment of the same, according to the true intent and meaning of these presents, or anywise claim the same.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, in the capacity aforesaid, this twenty third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

In presence of	Asa Parlin	[SEAL]
Sam'l Boynton	Nathan Green Jr.	[SEAL]
Daniel Wheat	Thomas Heald	[SEAL] "

CHAPTER XVII

RELIGIOUS MATTERS

IN the early history of our nation the church and the town were identical. Every town had a church, which it supported by taxation in the same manner as for the support of schools, highways and other town charges. In the case under consideration the meeting-house had existed for nearly twenty years previous to the incorporation of the second district of Carlisle in the year 1780. As will be remembered, the district of Carlisle as first incorporated ceased to exist after a short period because of the difficulty and final inability of the inhabitants to determine upon or "prefix" a location for a meeting-house.

The same difficulty was obviated under the second act of incorporation, for during the interval between the existence of the first and second district a certain tract of land, nearly square in shape and containing one and a half acres, or a larger part of what is now known as the Common, was conveyed by deed to the inhabitants of the locality by one Timothy Wilkins, "for and in consideration of the love and regard that I have for the public worship of God, and the good of my neighbours and fellow creatures especially the persons hereafter mentioned and named, for the covenanty of building a meeting-house for the public worship of God, and other public uses."

The above-named instrument was dated July 1, 1758. The gift was a worthy one and should be the means of perpetuating the name of the donor to all future time. About two years later, or in the year 1760,

a meeting-house was built on the land given for the purpose, in order for the better accommodation for religious worship of those persons who lived on the outskirts of the several towns which found a center near said location, and who subsequently were included within the bounds of the second district of Carlisle. This gift of land was, of course, the nucleus for the establishment of the first meeting-house, the erection of which, it is more than probable, finally determined the location for the center of the present town of Carlisle. This building was erected by voluntary contributions, and stood a little to the northwest of what is now known as the Unitarian Church. It was a rude wooden structure, without clapboards or paint, and having only benches for seats, in which condition it remained until the year 1780, when the second district of Carlisle was incorporated, and at which time it virtually became the property of the district by the consent of a committee of the society, to which many of the first petitioners belonged. It was mutually understood and agreed that all persons who should be incorporated with them in the proposed district should share equally all church privileges with those at whose expense the meeting-house had been erected, without being in any way liable for any expense incurred previous to the date of incorporation.

No pastor was settled during this interval of twenty years, neither was there any church organization, and yet the gospel was preached from Sabbath to Sabbath and supported by the listeners, many of whom paid in addition their regular minister rates in the respective towns to which they belonged. Once in the month of August, 1764, it is claimed the celebrated English revivalist and preacher, George Whitefield, preached from its south doorsteps to an audience far too large to be accommodated within its walls; and tradition declares that

from its portals on the nineteenth of April, 1775, nineteen men, assembled by the drum of Timothy Wilkins and the horn of James Kemp, started for Concord under the command of Lieut. James Russell and Samuel Heald, to engage in the fight at the Old North Bridge and finally to pursue the retreating foe back to Boston.

During the year 1781 money was expended upon the meeting-house in improving its appearance, and twenty-four pews were put in on the lower floor, replacing the original benches. These pews were sold by auction on November 27, for the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars, quoting from the town records: "At a Vendue appointed by the District of Carlisle for the Purpose of selling the Pews in the Said Carlisle meeting house, Phineas Blood being appointed Vendue master." The highest price paid was \$66.50 for pew No. 18, by Dea. Ephraim Robbins, and the lowest price was \$15, for pew No. 11, which was struck off to Mr. John Robbins. The amount received was appropriated toward paying the expense of putting in the new pews, and other necessary repairs which were made.

At the annual March meeting of the inhabitants of the district in the year 1789, the eighth article in the warrant read as follows: "To See if the District will agree to provide any Seats in the Meeting House for those who may be Disposed to Set together for the purpose of Singing." On consideration of this article it was "Voted that those who may be Disposed to set together for the purpose of Singing Shall have the two hind Seats below." These seats were probably occupied by the singers until the year 1798, when in response to a similar article in the warrant for the April meeting it was "Voted that the Singers have the fore seat and the Second Seat in the front gallery."

Considerable money had been appropriated by the

town at one time and another to repair the original meeting-house up to the year 1810. A gallery had been built which contained nineteen pews that were sold for the sum of \$58.12. The building had been clapboarded and painted, windows and window casings, as well as doors and door casings, had been repaired or replaced by new ones. Stone underpinning had been provided, which was brought from the town of Acton. A pulpit had been erected, porches at the east and west ends of the edifice had been built, and the advisability of erecting a belfry and procuring and suspending a bell, was a question which had for some time agitated the minds of the worshipers.

It was on the twenty-sixth day of May in the year last mentioned that this original meeting-house was struck by lightning and entirely consumed. Nine days later, on the fourth day of June, 1810, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the inhabitants of the town qualified by law to vote in town affairs were warned to meet on the Common, near where the meeting-house formerly stood. The warrant for the meeting contained five articles, the first of which was "To see if the town will agree to build a meeting-house in Carlisle and decide upon the spot where it shall be erected." All the other articles had reference to the same subject.

It is creditable to the moral and religious sentiment of the town that they did, at this meeting without procrastination, vote to rebuild the meeting-house, the building that in those early days accommodated all civil and religious meetings. It was voted to erect it on the Common belonging to the town, near where the former meeting-house stood; and to make it a building about the size of the old one, but of modern design.

Several committees were appointed and the meeting was adjourned for three weeks, to meet at the same time

and place. At the adjourned meeting Capt. Nathan Haywood, who had been chosen at the former meeting to procure a plan for the proposed new building, presented one for the consideration of the town, for a building to be constructed of wood, which plan was accepted. Next it was voted that the building be finished in the Tuscan order, and that its erection be completed within one year from the first of the following November. A building committee of three were chosen by ballot, consisting of the following named persons: Asa Parlin, Esq., Nathan Green, Jr., and Mr. Thomas Heald.

This committee were authorized by the town to let out the contract for building the meeting-house to those who would undertake it at the lowest figure, and give good security that they would complete the undertaking according to agreement. Said committee contracted with Mr. Elijah Stearns to prepare and set the underpinning and doorsteps for the sum of \$235, and with Messrs. Joseph Wyman and John Sawyer, Jr., to erect the building for the sum of \$4230. Several alterations from the original plan were subsequently made which added somewhat to the cost, which, together with various incidental charges including the charges for time spent by the committee, money paid for painting and numbering the pews, trimming the pulpit and pulpit window, and a bill for liquor of \$38.28, made the total cost of the edifice, as appears from the building committee's report, the amount of \$4866.81.

The town voted at the adjourned meeting held on the Common June 25, to raise the sum of two thousand dollars by taxation, to be applied toward the expense of building a new meeting-house; and subsequently voted to sell by public auction the pews which it was proposed to build, which were to be exhibited by a plan. The building committee were authorized by the town to give

deeds of the same, and the cash realized from the sale was to be appropriated toward paying for the new building. There were forty-four pews on the lower floor, forty-three of which were sold. Following is a list of the original owners, and prices paid, copied from the town records:

“An account of the sale of the pews in the meeting-house which the town of Carlisle have agreed to build which pews being exhibited by a plan were sold at public vendue on the 12th and 19th of November, 1810 as follows, viz.”

No. 1.	Phineas Blood.	.....	\$105.00
No. 2.	Thomas Heald.	.....	80.00
No. 3.	Nathaniel Parker.	.....	80.00
No. 4.	Nathan Green.	.....	68.25
No. 5.	Zebulon Spaulding, Jr.	.....	60.25
No. 6.	Benjamin Foster.	.....	50.25
No. 7.	Abel Taylor.	.....	38.75
No. 8.	Nathaniel Hutchinson and Nathaniel Hutchinson, Jr.	.....	107.50
No. 9.	Samuel Green.	.....	80.25
No. 10.	Samuel Brown.	.....	82.50
No. 11.	Lieut. Zebulon Spaulding.	.....	69.75
No. 12.	Capt. John Heald, Jr.	.....	60.25
No. 13.	Ezekiel Proctor.	.....	50.00
No. 14.	Silas and Asa Hartwell.	.....	39.00
No. 15.	Jonathan Heald, Esq.	.....	55.00
No. 16.	Samuel Boynton.	.....	47.00
No. 17.	Daniel Blood.	.....	49.25
No. 18.	Asa Parlin, Esq.	.....	44.50
No. 19.	William Spaulding.	.....	40.25
No. 20.	Tilly Green.	.....	35.00
No. 21.	Fredrick Blood.	.....	34.50
No. 22.	Deacon Ephraim Robbins.	.....	51.50
No. 23.	Timothy Wilkins.	.....	46.25

No. 24.	Abijah Hodgman	\$42.50
No. 25.	John Green	43.75
No. 26.	Thomas Heald	40.00
No. 27.	Joseph Heald	35.25
No. 28.	Benjamin Barrett	32.00
No. 29.	Solomon Andrews	41.00
No. 30.	Lieut. Jonas Parker	57.50
No. 31.	Jonathan Heald, Jr.	37.25
No. 32.	Reserved	
No. 33.	Isaac Blanchard	65.00
No. 34.	John Jacobs	37.75
No. 35.	John Hodgman	50.50
No. 36.	Lieut. Daniel Wheat	60.25
No. 37.	Thomas Hodgman	45.25
No. 38.	John Wilkins	42.00
No. 39.	James Russel	40.25
No. 40.	Lieut. Zebulon Spaulding	56.00
No. 41.	Capt. Timothy Heald	68.00
No. 42.	Deacon John Robbins	46.50
No. 43.	Leonard Green	46.00
No. 44.	Fredrick Blood	40.00

Total		\$2,301.75

At the same time sixteen pews were sold in the gallery for the sum of \$444.75. One pew back of the door on the left-hand side of the gallery was by vote of the town appropriated for the use of people of color. There was a total amount of \$2746.50 received from the sale of pews, to be applied toward the building fund. The sum of fifty dollars was also raised for the purpose of decorating the pulpit, which, added to the previous amounts, would leave a deficiency to be provided for of less than seventy-five dollars.

In connection with the previously mentioned vote

of the town to raise two thousand dollars to be appropriated toward the cost of rebuilding the meeting-house, it was also voted that the assessors make a separate tax for said amount, and that all denominations be assessed for said purpose. It appears that there were quite a number of persons of the Baptist persuasion who worshiped in Chelmsford and Billerica, or elsewhere, living within the town, and that it had been customary for the town to abate what was known as their minister rate from year to year, which they were supposed to pay in the town where they worshiped. They considered it to be unreasonable to levy a tax on them for the purpose of helping to build a meeting-house in which they would seldom if ever worship, and which tax, added to the sum they were in the habit of paying at their usual place of worship, would prove burdensome indeed. They finally made these grievances known to the town, and asked for redress. The town, in consideration of the situation, appointed a committee of three persons to confer with the Baptist voters, and if possible to bring about some amicable settlement of the affair.

The proposition made by a part of the Baptists was "that in consideration of the meeting-house being used for civil purposes also, they proposed to pay one-half of the sum they were assessed for in the meeting-house tax." This proposition was favorably entertained by the town's committee, who, acting in behalf of the town, granted these terms, not only to those who proposed them, but to all Baptists who lived within the limits of the town and worshiped in other towns.

In consideration of the great loss sustained by the town in the unfortunate occurrence of their meeting-house being struck by lightning and entirely consumed, and because of the burdensome tax upon the inhabitants to provide the necessary funds to erect another, the

state tax, amounting to \$154.66 for the year 1810, was, by an act of the General Court, remitted to the town.

During the time the new meeting-house was in process of erection religious services were held at the private residences of several inhabitants of the town. Messrs. John Green and James Kemp supplying the need part of the time. The latter in one or more instances furnished a room in which to hold town meetings, which were also during the interval, held in Daniel Wheat's hall, Isaac Blaisdell's wheelwright shop, and four times on the Common.

A little idea of the external appearance of the new meeting-house, as it appeared when completed and turned over to the town by the building committee, may be formed when we consider that it was the same building which is at the present time (1920) known as the Unitarian Church, but at that time having no bell, and with a spire much less elaborate than the present one. If the vote of the town as recorded was carried into effect, the building was originally painted as follows: The body a light straw color, with white trimmings; the roof painted chocolate color, and the doors imitation mahogany.

At an adjourned town-meeting, held according to adjournment, on the Common, November 18, 1811, about the time of the completion of the new building, it was voted, "that the Meeting-house be dedicated to Almighty God, on the second Sabbath of December following, and also that the town give those persons who may go and work at the meeting-house, to clear away the chips and trash around the same what drink they may need." The religious services at the dedication were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Paul Litchfield. The annual town-meeting called for Monday, March 2, 1812, was the first one held in the new building after its erection, and on the following month the town voted to raise the sum of

three hundred and fifty dollars to procure a bell for the meeting-house, choosing Messrs. Thomas Heald and Frederick Blood as a committee to purchase said bell. After the bell was purchased and placed in position, it was customary to vendue the ringing of the same annually. Beside ringing the bell on Sabbath days for the religious services, the requirements usually were that it should be rung at noon each week day. For several years, however, a departure from this rule was observed, inasmuch as the contract required that it should be rung for the first six months, reckoning from April 1, on each week day at noon, and that it be rung for the remainder of the year at nine o'clock in the evening.

In the year 1826 this undertaking was bid off by Capt. Aaron Fletcher for the sum of \$14.50, which was about an average of prices paid in former years. The duties, beside ringing the bell ten minutes each time, included sweeping and dusting the church when necessary, and also clearing away the snow in the winter time. Mr. Isaac Duren probably undertook this service more times than any other person, and often at a very low figure; for instance, in the year 1823 he took the contract for the sum of \$3.75, and the following year for \$3, which would appear to be almost equal to giving his services in this direction. A consideration included in this contract, however, was that the person undertaking it should dig all the graves, and go with the hearse if requested, for which service the sum of two dollars was allowed which was an item taken into consideration when bidding for ringing the bell.

In the year 1815 the town voted "to purchase a Bass Viol to be kept in the meeting-house for the purpose of aiding the singing."

At the annual April meeting in the year 1824 a vote was passed authorizing and appointing the selectmen a

committee to take down the curtains around the pulpit window, which had probably hung there since the erection of the building and were doubtless faded by the sunlight of the thirteen intervening years, so they probably had ceased to be ornamental.

On the following month, at a special town meeting, it was "voted to give the inhabitants of the town liberty to erect horse stables on the Common, between Lieut. Zebulon Spaulding's Noon House, and the road south of the meeting-house." A committee of three persons were chosen at the same meeting, to look after the interests of the town, as well as the privileges of the individuals who might desire to avail themselves of the opportunity granted. This committee presented bills to the town for services performed, but whether sheds were erected to shelter teams used to convey Sabbath worshipers is uncertain.

At the annual April meeting in the year 1825 it was voted to paint the meeting-house and money was voted for said purpose; also a committee of three, Mr. John Jacobs, John Nelson, Esq., and Mr. Paul Forbush, were chosen to carry the vote into effect.

A meeting of the voting members of the First Parish in Carlisle was called for Thursday, December 6, 1832, to assemble in the meeting-house. The warrant contained four articles, the latter reading as follows: "To see if said parish will take any method to purchase a stove for the meeting-house, or act as they may think proper." It was "Voted to choose a committee of three to purchase a stove and put it into the meeting-house. Chose Capt. Thomas Green, John Nelson and James W. Wilkins, said committee."

At a meeting of the members of the First Parish in Carlisle, held in the meeting-house on Monday, March 4, 1833, it was "Voted that $52\frac{1}{4}$ dollars be taken from the

ministerial fund to pay for the stove and putting up the same."

These proceedings probably refer to the first means of heating ever installed in the Carlisle meeting-house, also to the names of the committee, and the expense incurred.

At an adjourned meeting of the members of the First Religious Society, held in the meeting-house, Tuesday, March 8, 1842, it was "voted that the meeting-house be opened for no other purpose than religious worship and on no occasion for Anti-slavery discussion, except by vote of the society."

At the annual meeting of the First Religious Society held in the meeting house, Saturday, April 22, 1848, it was "voted to repair and paint the meeting-house on the outside, and to levy a tax of two hundred and fifty dollars on the pews to defray the expense. Capt. Thomas Green, William Green, 2d., J. W. Wilkins, Artemas Parker and Jefferson Nickles were chosen a committee to superintend the repairs," which, according to their final report cost the society \$264.62.

In January, 1852, an association of ladies, known as the "Ladies Union," projected a subscription to raise funds to alter and repair the meeting-house, and headed the same with the sum of one hundred dollars. "In consideration of this effort, the members of the parish were notified to assemble in parish meeting Feb. 7, 1852, to act on the subject. On motion of Stephen Taylor, voted that it is expedient to repair the outside of the meeting house and so to alter the inside as to fit the upper room for public worship, and the lower room for a public hall." A committee was chosen to estimate the cost and submit plans for the proposed alterations. Their report was rendered at a meeting of the members of the parish assembled at the meeting-house on March 2,

1852. The cost was estimated at \$1060, the report was accepted, and it was "voted that Thomas Green, Cyrus Heald and Benjamin Barrett be a committee to receive proposals for repairing and altering the meeting-house, and that they submit the same to the parish at its next regular meeting," which meeting was called for May 10, 1852, and adjourned to May 17 following, at which meeting Mr. Benjamin Barrett from the committee reported "that they had received sealed proposals from several individuals, but that they did not deem it for the interest of the parish that their contents should be made public, further than to state generally that the amount stated therein would not much exceed the sum already subscribed to meet the expense of said alterations and repairs."

It was "Voted to accept the foregoing report, and to authorize the committee to contract with some person to make said alterations and repairs according to the plan submitted at the parish meeting on the second day of March last, and that they have the general management and superintendence of the matter till it is completed."

A parish meeting was called for October 11, 1852, to be held at the meeting-house. The warrant contained six articles to be acted upon. The first was "to hear and act upon the final report of the committee chosen to superintend the alterations and repairs of the meeting-house." At this meeting very little business was transacted, and it was "voted to adjourn to Saturday evening next, at six o'clock." At the adjourned meeting it was "voted to transfer the meeting to the home of Artemas Parker." Capt. Thomas Green from the committee for repairs, reported "that the committee had caused the meeting-house to be altered and repaired according to the plan and specifications submitted to and accepted

by the Parish, at their parish meeting held on the second day of March last, that in accomplishing the object they had paid to several parties bills amounting to \$1013.74 and that they had received from the Ladies Union subscriptions \$975.00, and for old lumber sold \$6.00, a total of \$981.00, leaving a balance due the committee of \$32.74. Voted to accept the report and discharge the committee from further service." This meeting was adjourned to Monday, October 25, at the meeting-house, at which meeting, on motion of Capt. Levi S. Hutchinson, relative to the above uncollected balance, it was "voted that the amount be raised by a contribution on the spot." Thirty-three dollars was immediately contributed and the balance paid.

At a parish meeting held in the meeting-house, January 29, 1853, a committee previously appointed to consider the advisability of fitting up the lower part of the meeting-house, "reported that they deemed it expedient that said room should be made into a hall and convenient anterooms, and that the expense of doing it would, according to their estimate, be \$157.50, exclusive of stoves and furniture." Accordingly it was voted that the work be done, and also "voted that J. W. Wilkins, Benjamin Barrett and Thomas Heald be a committee to carry the foregoing vote into effect."

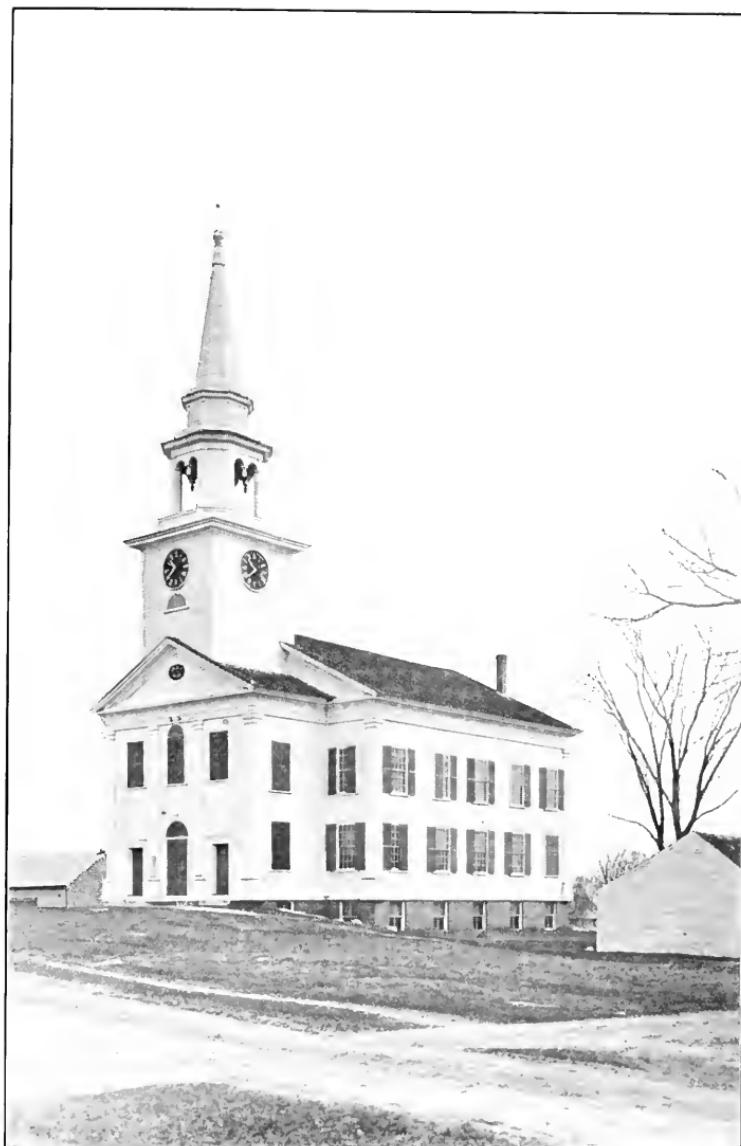
At a parish meeting held in Union Hall, which was the name given to the newly constructed room, on October 22, 1853, the report of the parish clerk gave the expense incurred for the above purpose as follows: Repairing hall, \$151.89; stove and fixtures, \$53.73; total, \$205.62.

A meeting of the members of the First Religious Society in Carlisle was held in Union Hall, Saturday evening, February 15, 1857. The fourth article in the warrant warning the meeting read as follows: "To see

if the Parish will procure a bell." Action was taken as follows: "Voted that Thomas Green, Levi S. Hutchinson, James W. Wilkins, Benjamin Barrett and B. F. Heald be a committee to procure a new bell. That said committee be authorized to take such measures to raise money for that purpose as they may think proper."

A warrant warning the members of the Parish to meet at Union Hall, April 15, 1858, contained but two articles: Article II was "to hear and act on the report of the committee chosen to procure a bell." B. F. Heald, from the committee appointed to raise funds and purchase a bell, reported that "said committee had raised by subscription among members of the society, for the purpose of paying for a bell, the sum of \$231.50, and that they sold the old bell for \$191.52, making a sum total of \$423.02." He further reported that "said committee on the eighth day of February last, purchased of Henry N. Hooper & Co. of Boston, a bell weighing 1090 lbs. for \$327.00 for yoke, frame, wheel and standard \$38.00, that they paid James W. Wilkins for teaming old bell to Boston, repairing belfry and hanging bell \$16.50, and to Levi S. Hutchinson for carrying committee to Boston \$3.00; making a total expenditure of \$384.50, leaving a balance in the hands of the committee of \$38.52." This amount was appropriated, and the report accepted, and ordered to be recorded. Certain minor repairs were made on the exterior of the meeting-house in the year 1867.

At the annual meeting held February 29, 1868, a committee previously appointed to repair the inside of the meeting-house, "reported through Rev. J. S. Smith, their chairman, that they had painted, papered and otherwise repaired the inside of the meeting-house at an expense of \$388.58, including \$61.00 paid for stoves, and \$23.89 for lamps."



UNITARIAN MEETING-HOUSE

At an adjourned meeting of the Society, held Saturday, March 7, 1868, under Article VIII in the warrant it was "voted that Benjamin Barrett, Rev. J. S. Smith and Gilman Nickles be a committee to ascertain the condition of the spire of the church and report at the next parish meeting what repairs are necessary." At the annual parish meeting held February 27, 1869, the work appears to have been completed, as a spire debt of seven hundred dollars was reported. Thus the original spire, which had stood for fifty-seven years, yielded to its successor.

At a meeting of the members of the Society held February 21, 1881, it was "voted that the parish committee be, and they are hereby instructed to cause to be erected on the society's land, on the south side of the church, and parallel therewith, and at such distance from it as they may determine, a row of horse sheds, to contain eight distinct sheds." The sheds thus indicated were erected and paid for by money raised at a social levee held on the preceding January, and by personal subscriptions.

At an adjourned parish meeting held on March 3, 1900, plans were presented for excavating under the meeting-house for the purpose of installing a dining-hall, kitchen, two cloak rooms and two toilet rooms, at a cost not to exceed seven hundred dollars. Messrs. J. S. Anthony, E. B. Rose and D. W. Robbins were chosen as a committee to attend to the duties involved, which they did, and which resulted in additions and accommodations much needed and largely appreciated. Also on December 17, of the same year by vote of the parish a furnace was installed in the basement for heating the hall and church.

The second meeting-house erected in Carlisle was completed and "dedicated to Almighty God on the second

Sabbath of December, 1811." The religious services at the dedication were conducted by the first pastor of the town, Rev. Paul Litchfield.

After one hundred years that had been more or less eventful, the centennial anniversary was observed with appropriate services in the building on December 20, 1911, attended by a large gathering of townspeople and others, with the following program:

Morning Service

Voluntary, from "Rebecca," Organist, Fred E. Robbins.
Prayer, Pastor Congregational Church, Rev. Philip A. Job.
Hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King."
Scripture Reading, Rev. Louis B. McDonald, Concord.
Prayer, Rev. E. C. Abbott of Boston.
Solo, "The Homeward Way," Miss Marion Bickford.
Historical Address, Pastor, Rev. Granville Pierce.
Address, Rev. E. C. Abbott.
Hymn.

At the close of the morning exercises a bountiful dinner was served in the vestry by the ladies of the church.

Afternoon Service

Organ Prelude, "Pilgrims' Chorus" Mr. Robbins.
Solo, Gounod's "Repentance" Miss Bickford.
Address, Rev. Lewis Wilson, Secretary of the A. U. A.
Addresses by neighboring pastors.
Solo.
Hymn.
Benediction by the pastor.

The auditorium was tastefully decorated with flags, evergreen and carnations, presenting a most inviting appearance. The original communion service was on exhibition. The committee in charge of the anniversary observance were George E. Wilkins, chairman, Miss Edna F. Currier, Miss Lillian Ricker, Mrs. Ernest Wilson,

Mrs. Lucy M. Blaisdell, Capt. H. W. Wilson, Charles Forbush and James H. Wilkins.

Two OLD DOCUMENTS

Two manuscripts one hundred and ten years old, grown yellow with age but on the whole fairly well preserved, have recently come to light, and reveal valuable information about the birth of the First Parish meeting-house now (1920) standing in Carlisle. The first of these papers, entitled, "Obligation for building a Meeting-house," is a very inclusive contract for the erection of the above-named building, and cannot be given in full as it has been mutilated by the removal of the names of the contracting parties; consequently only a synopsis embodying the important features are given.

"Obligation for Building a Meeting House Dated Oct. 2, 1810, by and between Joseph Wyman and John Sawyer, Houserights, both of Templeton, Worcester Co. Mass. on one part, and Asa Parlin, Nathan Green, Jun. and Thomas Heald, all of Carlisle, Middlesex Co. Mass. a committee for and in behalf of said town of Carlisle on the other part, witnesseth that the said Joseph Wyman and John Sawyer for the consideration of \$4230. do covenant with the said committee aforesaid to find materials and build a Meeting-house in said Carlisle, and finish the same including painting, agreeably to the plan exhibited, and which was made out by Capt. Nathan Haywood."

Here follows a very minute and complete detail of specifications and conditions of payment, also the requirement that the work be completed by November 1, 1811. The signatures of the contracting parties were witnessed by Daniel Wheat and Ezekiel Nickles.

The second paper, entitled "Account of the Expense of Building the Meeting-House, &c.," is given verbatim.

"Expense of building a Meetinghouse in Carlisle.	
The Underpinning & Door steps.....	\$235.08
Contract for the House.....	4230.00
Extra work in the pulpit and brestwork.....	25.00
Two pilasters and diminishing some other work.....	6.00
Re-building the gallery stairs.....	10.00
Altering the pulpit window.....	.50
Putting on some reed work under the upper cornice inside.....	3.50
Repairing the projection floor.....	2.00
Putting on window springs.....	.72
Repairing the gallery windows.....	1.50
An oval board to put a date on.....	2.50
To building two pews in the corners of the gallery instead of seats.....	2.00
To altering the alley in the front gallery.....	.50
To putting some boards under the doors on the upper door step.....	0.66
Interest on the third payment.....	11.12
To whitewashing the plastering.....	7.00
To John Page for coming to examine some of the work.....	.75
William Washburn's account for liquor at the vendue of the pews and which the com- mittee had at sundry times.....	13.81
Expense of work done at the Meetinghouse spot wharfing up & preparing for the under- pinning &c.....	71.58
Capt. Ezekiel Nickles account for liquor at the vendue of the pews, and for those who worked at the Meetinghouse spot & com- mittee.....	24.47
J. C. Wilkins account for painting & numbering the pews.....	33.33
and putting a date on the house &c.....	3.50

To cash paid for window springs.....	\$6.33
To interest on the last payment to Wyman & Sawyer.....	4.31
To blanks for pew deeds.....	2.00
To Aaron Fletcher for some work done.....	.25
For the scrapers at the doors and setting them.....	2.63
To some plank and screws.....	.18
To the use of a scow at the Meetinghouse spot.....	.75
To locks and some other irons to fasten the inside doors.....	1.85
Interest supposed due to Nathan Green Jun.	10.00
For sundry articles for the trimming of the pulpit window as may appear by the bill.	66.96
To Zadoc Wilkins for a journey to Boston with horse and chaise to purchase said articles.....	3.50
To the wife of James Wilkins for making said trimming.....	2.33
To Paul Forbush for work done about the pulpit and pulpit window in order to receive the trimming.....	1.34
To some cotton and other articles found about the trimming.....	1.24
To Paul Forbush for seating the projection building, a desk, levelling up the floor, &c.	14.50
To Asa Parlin for his account as one of the committee.....	25.56
To Nathan Green Jun. for his account as one of the committee.....	17.29
To Thomas Heald for his account as one of the committee.....	20.27
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Total.....	\$4866.81

The following sums of money have been appropriated by the town to pay the foregoing expense, viz.:

Raised by a tax.....	\$2000.00
The amount of what the pews were sold for.....	2759.75
Raised for the trimming of the pulpit &c.....	50.00
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Total.....	\$4809.75
Deficiency.....	\$57.06"

FIRST RELIGIOUS SOCIETY

The church of the First Religious Society was organized February 28, 1781, and then consisted of ten male and twenty female members. Following is the original covenant and the names attached to it, copied from the early church records.

"We the subscribers, apprehending ourselves called of God to form ourselves into a chh. state, in order to our enjoying his word and ordinances, do for that purpose, tho we own ourselves unworthy to be so highly favored and privileged of heaven, yet humbly depending upon the unmerited grace of God to assist and help us, enter into the following covenant with God and one another.

1. Proffessing our faith in the sacred scriptures, as given by inspiration of God, we engage in dependence upon the gracious influence and assistance of the glorious head of the chh. to make them the rule and standard of our faith and practice: and for the preservation and promotion of peace and good order among us, we will adopt and submit to that mode of discipline, which is observed by the regular churches of New England, of the congregational persuasion, so far as the same shall appear to us consistent with the holy rules of the gospel.

2. We recognize the covenant of grace, in which we acknowledge ourselves professedly devoted to the fear

and service of the great and glorious God, and to the Lord Jesus Christ, the high priest, prophet and king of his chh., unto whose conduct we submit ourselves, thro' whom alone we hope for grace and glory: and to whom we bind ourselves in an everlasting covenant never to be broken.

3. We give ourselves up one to another in the Lord, resolving by his help to treat each the other as fellow members of the same body; to walk in brotherly love together, and to watch over one another for mutual edification; to subject ourselves to all the holy administrations appointed by him who is the head of the chh. and to give our constant attendance upon all the public ordinances of Christ's institution, walking orderly as becometh saints.

4. We acknowledge our posterity to be included with us in the gospel covenant, and look upon ourselves as obliged to devote our infant offspring to God in baptism, and thanksgivings to God for his goodness, in including our children with us in the same covenant. We promise with the greatest care and diligence to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

5. We do furthermore promise to be careful to our utmost to keep up all the ordinances of God among us; and to admit to our communion all such as dwell among us if in a judgment of charity we can be satisfied they are qualified therefor; and also to walk in all regular and due communion with other churches of our Lord Jesus Christ. And now since we have thus bound ourselves to God and one another, may the good Lord pity us, pardon our frailties, and humble us out of all confidence in ourselves: may the grace of Christ, which is sufficient for us, be afforded unto us: and may he, who is the great shepherd and bishop of souls, lead us into the paths of truth and righteousness for his name sake, and at the last, receive us all to his heavenly kingdom, Amen.

We the subscribers assent to the above covenant, and do, in testimony thereof, hereunto set our hands this 28 day of February 1781."

Nathaniel Taylor &
Elisabeth his wife
Joseph Munroe
John Green &
Martha his wife
Phinehas Blood &
Sarah his wife
Joshua Munroe &
Ruth his wife
Elisabeth Chase
Agness Foster
Mercy Munroe
Abigail Parlin
Rebecka Heald
Jonathan Spaulding
Thomas Spaulding &
Mary his wife
Job Spaulding &
Lydia his wife
John Robbins &
Sarah his wife
Mary Robbins
Martha Barrett
Sybil Robbins
Sarah Parlin
Susanna Heald
Sarah Wheeler
Sarah Parlin
David Dickinson &
Persis his wife

"Feb. 28, 1781. The before named persons being incorporated into a chh.-state, the brethren

1. Made choice of Thomas Spaulding as moderator of the chh.
2. Made choice of Jonathan Spaulding as Scribe.
3. Made choice of John Robbins, Timothy Wilkins and Joseph Munroe Jr. to set or tune the Psalms in times of public worship; and of Capt. Sam^l. Heald and Phinehas Blood to read the psalm or hymns at such times. Then adjourned."

On May 17, 1781, the church voted unanimously to invite Mr. Paul Litchfield to become their first pastor, and at a meeting held May 25, the inhabitants of the district, by a vote of forty-three to three, agreed to concur with the vote of the church, and also voted to give Mr. Litchfield the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds as a settlement, one-half of which sum it was voted to pay him within one year from the date of his acceptance of the call, and the balance in two years. It was also voted to give him as a salary the sum of eighty pounds yearly, to be paid in quarterly instalments, "so long as he shall supply the pulpit in said Carlisle and remain their Gospel minister," both of said amounts to be paid in silver money.

At a subsequent meeting it was voted to give Mr. Litchfield twenty cords of wood a year, and to keep two cows and a horse for him "until such time as he shall call for the interest of his settlement."

The church decided upon November 7 as a date that would be agreeable for them to have the ordination of Mr. Litchfield take place; and at a meeting held October 3, the inhabitants of the district voted to join with the church as to the date they had selected.

Mr. Litchfield having accepted the invitation of the church in Carlisle to become their pastor, the members of said church met at the home of Capt. John Green for the purpose of choosing an ecclesiastical council to ordain

the said Mr. Litchfield to the work of the gospel ministry among them, and voted to request the assistance of the following churches by their pastors and delegates: The churches of Christ in Billerica, Bedford, Concord, Acton Westford, Ashby, Second Church in Scituate, Abington, Second Church in Medway, Franklin, North Church in Newburyport, and the church in Salem of which Rev. Daniel Hopkins was pastor.

The service of ordination took place on the date mentioned, with the following order of exercises:

Introductory prayer, Rev. Matthew Scribner of Westford.

Sermon from I Cor. iv: 2, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Rev. Samuel Niles, of Abington.

Prayer during the imposition of hands, Rev. Nathaniel Emmons of Franklin.

Charge to the pastor, Rev. David Sanford, of Medway.

Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Samuel Spring of Newburyport.

Concluding prayer, Rev. Samuel Whitman of Ashby.

The first communion service, which was originally voted to be observed on December 31, 1781, was twice postponed and was finally observed on the second Sabbath of January, 1782; and by vote of the church was "to be administered stately the second Sabbath in every other month."

By vote of the church, candidates for admission to membership were required to give a written or verbal relation of their religious experiences before the church or congregation. This embarrassing requirement was so modified two years later as to permit it to be made before a committee of the church.

At a meeting of the church, November 29, 1781, at

the home of Mr. Isaac Wilkins, "Choice was made of brother John Robbins to make provision for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and to assist at its administration. Also voted that there be a contribution immediately after the sacrament, that each member contribute 8 pence, and each person set their name to the same. Voted that brother John Robbins be desired to lead in singing on days of public worship, and in case of his absence that either Mr. Timothy Wilkins, Mr. Jonas Spaulding or Mr. Asa Parlin be desired to take the lead."

The doctrine contained in the confession of faith and preached by Mr. Litchfield was strictly Calvinistic, yet coinciding in some points with that system of theology known as Hopkinsianism. Mr. Litchfield was the eldest of twelve children, and born of respectable parents in Scituate, Mass., March 12, 1752. His youth was marked by sober and exemplary deportment, and for warm attachment to the friends of evangelical truth. With an intention to qualify himself for the gospel ministry he entered Harvard College, and graduated in 1775.

After he left college he studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Stephen West of Stockbridge, Mass., and was soon licensed to preach the gospel. He supplied several congregations and was invited to settle in the ministry before his engagement in Carlisle. Here he performed his ministerial duties with general satisfaction to his parishioners. In his intercourse with the people he was kind, familiar, charitable and peaceful. He rejoiced at the prosperity of the church, and aided by his personal service and his wealth many of the great religious charities of the age. To the Massachusetts Domestic Missionary Society he bequeathed at his death a generous legacy.

In his later years his personal appearance is described by one who knew him well as follows: He was tall, long-

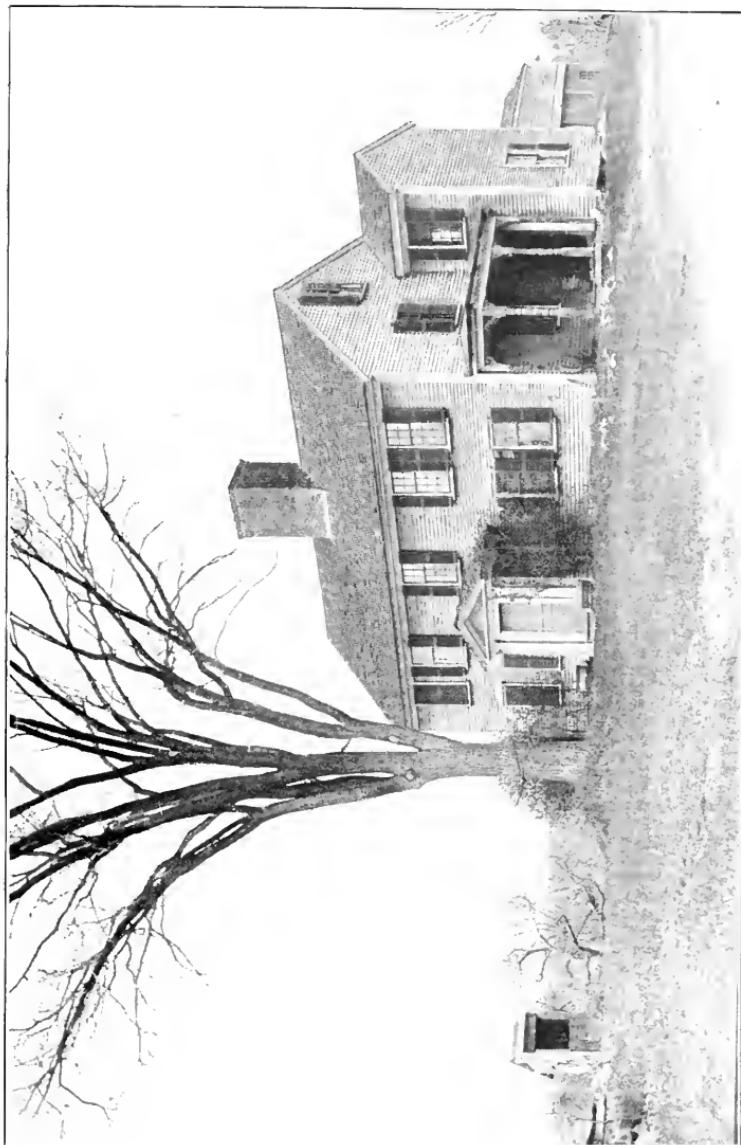
limbed, broad, but thin chested, with silver hair combed back and hanging gracefully down over his coat collar. He dressed in a black broad-skirted, curve-waisted coat with ministerial bands or ruffles. He wore a long vest and knee breeches, with knee-buckles, and long black silk hose. His shoes were large, and were also adorned with silver buckles three inches square; and crowning this elaborate costume was a three-cornered Continental hat. Contemporaries inform the writer that this Continental dress was not uncommon in those days, but the instances where it was worn were the exceptions rather than the general rule, being oftener seen on dress occasions, or donned by persons of rank.

Mr. Litchfield married for his first wife Miss Mary Bailey of Scituate, by whom he had six children, five sons and a daughter. The daughter died in childhood, and Mrs. Litchfield died July 27, 1809, aged sixty years. He married for his second wife Mrs. Sarah Capen of Braintree, October 12, 1811. The youngest son, Franklin Litchfield, was educated at Harvard College, and served as United States consul at Porto Cabello.

An order given by the selectmen, dated December 11, 1782, reads as follows: "That Mr. Isaac Wilkins, constable, shall keep in his own hands of the money he is to collect to support the gospel, the sum of three pounds three shillings, it being for keeping Mr. Litchfield's horse sixteen weeks and a half, and to find him house room six months from the time he was ordained."

LITCHFIELD PARSONAGE

It appears that Mr. Litchfield paid rent to the above-named Wilkins for at least six months after his ordination, but during the most of his pastorate here he lived on what is familiarly known as the Litchfield place,



LITCHFIELD PARSONAGE

located on the Lowell road, a little more than a half mile north from the center of the town. This dwelling, which served for nearly forty-six years as the Litchfield parsonage, is still standing (1920), and externally, and perhaps internally, is the same as when occupied by the first pastor. Here he lived happily during his long pastorate and here he died, November 5, 1827, in the full trust in that Christian faith which he had inculcated, and in the hope which the Christian religion inspires. The funeral took place November 9, two days after the forty-sixth anniversary of his ordination as pastor of the Carlisle church.

The funeral sermon was preached by John H. Church, D.D., pastor of the church in Pelham, N. H., and was later printed in pamphlet form. The interment was made near the east center of the Central Burying Ground in the center of the town. A slate stone, about five feet tall by two and one-half feet wide, with pillars carved on either side, and a weeping willow tree shading an urn for top decoration, marks the spot, and the following inscription appears on the stone:

“Erected to the memory of
Rev. Paul Litchfield,
Pastor of the church in Carlisle
for the space of forty-six years,
and deceased Nov. 5, 1827.

Aet. 75

With firm discriminating mind, zealous for the distinguishing doctrines of revelation, he stood fast in one spirit, striving for the faith of the gospel.”

A similar stone is erected to the memory of his first wife Mary, and stands close beside the former. The green leaves of the oak and poplar trees shade their graves from the burning rays of a summer sun; and in the fall drop these same leaves, as it were to form a

mantle of protection from the sweeping and icy blasts of winter. It seems a fitting place for their ashes to rest, within sight, and also within hailing distance by the human voice, of the place where he proclaimed the gospel for forty-six long years, identified as he was with the district and the town in its infancy when poverty prevailed, and hardships had to be endured, and while the War of the Revolution was in progress.

The more we learn of this man whose service was God's service, and who was one of the first to cast in his lot with the people of the district and town, and be settled over them as their spiritual adviser, as well as the one who has longest held a similar position in the history of the town, the more inclined are we to recognize his resting place as sacred ground, and to approach the spot with reverent step and bared head, even considering it a shrine never in any way to be desecrated, but always to be cared for and held in reverence and adoration.

THE SERMON

Romans XIV: 7, 8. "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." The spirit of the devoted servant of Christ is here expressed. Here is the mark of his high calling in Christ Jesus. This is the self-denial, so much inculcated in the gospel, and so essential to a life in communion with God, and a meekness to glorify and enjoy him forever.

The passage, in its connection, enforces the duty of Christians to receive each other as servants of the same Lord and engaged in the same cause; while sincerely differing in things not inconsistent with vital godliness. Notwithstanding their difference in minor things, they

were agreed in living, not to themselves, but to the Lord, as being entirely his, in life and in death. This is the spirit which we should ardently strive to possess. It should constantly be the object of our pursuit. It comprises, in substance, all our personal religion. It should be the main-spring of all our actions. Nothing should be done, without this spirit of entire devotedness to the Lord.

The subject may be illustrated by describing this spirit; and showing its influence on the Christian in living and dying to the Lord. In describing this spirit, two thoughts occur; a feeling conviction that we belong to the Lord — and a purpose of heart to be wholly devoted to him.

1. A feeling conviction that we belong to the Lord. — What truth is more sensibly felt by the fervent Christian? How forcibly it strikes his mind in every direction. What is not the Lord's? He hath made all things for himself. How must the lively Christian feel himself, and all he has, to be the Lord's, if he only considers him as his Maker, and Preserver, and the Giver of all his talents. In this view, he has nothing which he has not received of the Lord. And the whole is still the Lord's. What can the believer call exclusively his own?

But the Lord has still higher and more endearing claims upon him. He bought him for himself. Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price. And what is this price? Is it corruptible things? Is it silver and gold? No; it is the precious blood of Christ. The only begotten Son of God has been made a curse for him, and redeemed him from the curse of the law. The Son of God has loved him, and given himself for him. Oh, let this truth be wrought in his mind by the exceeding greatness of Divine power, and how deep and habitual must be his conviction that he is not his own, but the Lord's, to live, and to die to him?

2. A purpose of heart to be wholly devoted to the

Lord. Deny thyself, is the sweet command of Christ to every humble follower. His cheerful obedience to this command distinguishes him from the selfish and unholy. "Inordinate self-love is the ruling passion of their hearts, and the governing principle of their lives. They have but one interest, and that is their own. A supreme regard to their own happiness is the mainspring of all that they do for God, and of all that they do for themselves, and all that they do for their fellow men." This is the spirit of the world — of every false-hearted professor.

In appearance he does much for God, for the Church, and for his fellow men. But his supreme regard is to himself. He would make everything subserve his own interest, or honor, or enjoyment. Even the Lord himself must serve him. Nothing is right, unless it is for his good. All is well if his happiness is secure, or his benefit promoted. All his kindness to others is very partial and very limited, and intended chiefly for his own advantage and comfort.

But how different is the ruling purpose of the devoted friend of Immanuel. What a different principle prompts him to act. And what is this principle, but the love of God? This dethrones self, and subordinates all its interests to the Divine glory. The love of God gives to the mind a single eye, and fills the body with light. It inspires due regard to every object.

God is loved supremely, because he is supremely excellent; and his glory is the riches of all worlds. What can the Christian allow to interfere with the Divine glory? What can he so ardently desire as this — "Father, glorify thy name." In this supreme love to God is involved sincere love to one's own soul, and to every neighbor. The two great commandments of love to God and to man stand, or fall, together. There is no obedience to one, without obedience to the other.

The carnal mind, which is enmity to God, is enmity

to every soul of man. But love to God is love to every soul, for his sake. It seeks his glory in their salvation. Here is full scope for a self-denying spirit. How much will the zealous Christian sacrifice for Christ, that his name may be honored, and his people saved. How fixed will be his purpose to seek, not his own things, but the things which are Christ's. How little he will think of himself, and of all his private concerns, compared with the honor of his Saviour, and the interests of his everlasting kingdom. How cheerfully he will deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Christ. This is the prevailing purpose of his heart. For the love of Christ constrains him, to live not to himself, but to Him that died for him and rose again.

I. The influence of this spirit on the Christian in life and in death. This influence he feels in all the relations of life. It governs him in his daily walk, and in the various circumstances, in which he is placed.

1. It inclines him to have constant communion with God. The desire of his soul is to the Lord, and to the remembrance of his name. O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee. My soul followeth hard after thee. This communion with God is his life. Prayer is his spiritual breath. As he renounces self and the world, his soul is assimilated to God as the fountain of excellence and his exceeding joy. Christ is precious to his soul as all his salvation and all his desire. Beholding, with open face, as in a glass, his glory, he is changed into his image, by his spirit, that dwelleth in him. Looking, not at things seen and temporal, but at things unseen and eternal, and coming to the mercy-seat in the name of Jesus as his Advocate with the Father, how fervent are his petitions for grace to serve the Lord with increasing vigor and delight. And can he pray in vain? This is the confidence that we have in him, that if

we ask anything according to his will he heareth us. And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

2. He is vigilant in keeping his heart. This must be kept with God. This is his due. Give me thine heart. What can be truly given to God, if this be withheld? What can he accept, without the heart? But how great is its deceit and treachery? What vigilance is requisite to keep himself in the love of God. How must he watch the motions of sin, the law in his members, which wars against the law of his mind, to bring him into captivity to the law of sin. How zealously he must strive to subdue his iniquities, that he may live entirely to the Lord. How careful he will be to know the state of his soul; whether he declines or advances in the Divine life; and whether he is pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. How can the self-denying Christian be regardless of these things? He makes cheerful sacrifices for his Redeemer. What can be withheld, which the Lord needs; or duty bids him give? Can he think much of labor or suffering in Christ's cause? Can he enjoy ease at the expense of his Saviour's honor? Can he count his life dear to himself, in glorifying his name? What can he love more than Christ? Christ is his all and in all. For him to live is Christ. Let the Saviour be honored; and it is enough; his mind is satisfied. How cheerfully he honors the Lord with his substance, and with the first fruits of his increase. This is the highest value of property. Its noblest use is to expend it for him who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich. How can the devoted Christian retain it, when wanted to relieve the saints, to spread the gospel, to saves souls ready to perish, and to build the temple of the Lord. Whoso hath the world's goods and seeth his brother

have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? What agreement can there be between a self-denying spirit and a heart of covetousness? How must the former seek the destruction of the latter? How can the spirit of Christ dwell in the avaricious mind? His temple shall not be a den of thieves; but the abode of love and kindness. His love shall fill the heart and yield its precious fruits.

4. He that is devoted to the Lord is patient and resigned to his will. He feels himself at the Divine disposal. The Lord may do with him as it seemeth good in his sight. He has a right to appoint him his seasons of pain and sickness, of trouble and sorrow, as well as of ease and comfort. How willingly may the believer refer himself and all his concerns to the Lord. Here is his safety. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Blessed is the man that endureth trials. He rejoices in hope of the glory of God; and not only so, but he glories in tribulation also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience experience; and experience hope. How cheering is the assurance that all things shall work together for good to them that love God; and that their light afflictions shall work out for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. All things are for their sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For a season they are in heaviness through manifold temptations; that the trial of their faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, and honor, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ. Can the lively believer shrink from trials of such blessed tendency? Will he not rather count them his joy? Does he not need them,

for his cleansing from sin? And will he not glory in his necessities and distresses, that the power of Christ may rest upon him?

5. He closes his mortal life to the honor of his Lord. As he has lived to him, so he dies to him. He may be in a strait, whether to remain here in the service of the Lord; or to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. But the question is not for him to decide. In a sweet, spiritual frame of mind, he does not wish to decide it. He leaves it wholly with the Lord. Precious in his sight is the death of his saints. In them he is glorified. His grace can shine in their dying hours. How much to his honor and praise is their humble trust in his merits; their confidence in his truth and love; their humility and penitence for sin; their joy in his name; and their animating hope that through him they shall sing the conqueror's song. In how lovely a manner do they complete their Christian course? They fall asleep in Jesus. They enter into his rest. They see him as he is. They are like him; and they shall serve him forever. Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord. On this subject, I remark:

1. The devoted servant of Christ has decision of character. He is not seen in a neutral position. You are not in doubt whether he is on the Lord's side. You see him decided. You learn the purpose of his heart—"As for me, I will serve the Lord. By his grace, I am resolved to do it. His grace is sufficient for me. I can do all things in his strength. I have his promise that he will be with me." How firm and resolute may he be? Who shall defeat his purpose to obey and honor his Lord? The Lord is his strength; the word of God his guide; the glory of God his end. Grace binds him to the Lord. Can he serve another master? Can he consent to serve the law of sin? Sin is what he hates. He abhors that

which is evil. He delights in the law of God after the inward man. He walks in the law of the Lord. Hence his walk is uniform and consistent. His Christian character he maintains in every circle, at home and abroad. In no place is he ashamed of Christ, of his truth, his cause, or his followers, or of his relation to him. God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

2. The religion which involves no true self-denial is worthless in the Lord's sight. It lacks his spirit. How can he accept it? It does nothing for him in godly sincerity. It is all fleshly wisdom; the carnal mind which he abhors and condemns. It may make a fair show in the flesh. It may please its votaries. But what is its end? Will you embrace such a religion? Would you serve the Lord only as your convenience or self-interest allows? Would you have an easy way to heaven? Would you go there in flowery paths, and be regaled, all the way, with roses without thorns? Must no tribulation attend you? Must there be no sacrifice required of you for the Lord, or for his cause? Must you be allowed to seek your own things, and neglect the things that are Christ's? Must your private concerns be regarded as of more worth than his kingdom, or souls bought with his blood? Would you never contend; much less contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints; and never plead for such a life of godliness as condemns nominal and lukewarm professors? Would you be so easy and accommodating in your religion, that the ungodly shall commend you? But does this accord with the example of Christ and his Apostles? Is this living not to yourselves, but to the Lord? Is this striving to enter in at the strait gate; and to walk in the narrow way which leads to life everlasting? Is this to be a

good and faithful servant of the Lord; and as such to be approved of him in the decisive day? Or is this to be a slothful and wicked servant whose end is destruction?

3. The faithful in Christ Jesus are best known in times of peculiar trial. Then is the test of their character. Then their Christian graces are called forth. Could the strength of Abraham's faith have been known had he not been called to offer Isaac as a burnt sacrifice? Could the meekness of Moses have been seen, if he had not been the leader of a people so disposed to murmur and rebel and to lay their calamities at his door? Or can we now see the excellence of the Christian's character unless it is brought to the trial? Can you see his faith and patience, if he has no seasons of adversity? Or his self-denying spirit, if he is called to part with nothing for Christ; or to endure no hardness in his service? It is easy to rejoice in prosperity; the most selfish can do it. But can you say with the prophet: Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vine; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the field shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet will I rejoice in the Lord; I will joy in the God of my salvation? Do this, and you manifest your godly sincerity to the praise of Divine grace.

4. The connection between the life and the death of the devoted Christian deserves notice. His living to the Lord prepares him to die to the Lord. Having lived the life of the righteous, he dies his death. Through rich grace, he has lively hope in death, in proportion as he has been diligent to be found of the Lord in peace without spot and blameless. How evidently does his life of humble piety and zeal for the Lord, fit him by Divine mercy to end his days in peace; and his hope and peace in death give the finishing stroke to his Christian

character. Would you die this happy death of the righteous? Then live his life.

5. The departed saint still lives to the glory of his Lord. He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all live unto him. Whether saints live or die; they are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. Yes, the saint that has fallen asleep in Jesus is now a spirit of the just made perfect; he is before the throne; he sees the face of his Redeemer; and serves him day and night in his temple. There he joins in the never-ending song: Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

You may suppose, my brethren, that in these remarks, I have some reference to the beloved and respected servant of Christ, whose mortal part we are now to commit to the silent dust. I hope the reference is just. I trust he lived and died to the Lord, as redeemed by his blood, clothed with his righteousness and sanctified by his Spirit.

His character is well known. It is deeply imprinted on the hearts of those who now mourn that they shall see his face and hear his voice no more. It has been formed by grace and to God belongs the praise of everything excellent and useful in his servant who now rests from his labors and whose works of piety and love follow him, as the proofs of his being sincerely devoted to the Lord. He meets, we hope, a gracious acceptance and receives from his Redeemer's hand a crown of life that fadeth not away.

The Rev. Paul Litchfield was born in Scituate, March 12, 1752. He was the first-born of twelve children. His parents were respectable; and died, it is hoped, in

the Lord, at an advanced age. In early life he was sober and regular in his conduct. He sought an education that he might be fitted for the gospel ministry. He graduated at Harvard College in 1775. While in college he was much devoted to the cause of religion. He was attached to the friends of evangelical truth and exerted his influence for the salvation of his fellow men. His solicitude for their conversion was manifested by his efforts to turn them from darkness to light. His theological studies he pursued under the direction of Rev. Dr. Stephen West of Stockbridge, who is well known as an author by some able productions and especially by his treatise on the atonement.

After being licensed to preach the gospel, he supplied several congregations and was invited to settle in the ministry, but the Lord directed his steps to this place as the field of his stated labors through life. Here he was ordained the first pastor of this church, November 7, 1781. The church was formed on the twenty-eighth of February preceding and consisted of ten male and twenty female members. His call was voted on the seventeenth of May. He ministered to this church forty-six years. During the whole of this period it appeared to be his great object to fulfil the ministry, which he had received in the Lord. He possessed a strong, discriminating mind. He was fond of deep thought. It was not his manner to glide along on the surface of a subject. He preferred more thorough investigations and discussions. The ablest works on theology were his favorite study.

His views of the essential doctrines of the Bible were distinct and well arranged in his mind and he had the talent of presenting these doctrines to others with plainness and force. Who could hear him without knowing the leading sentiments of his creed? When did he give an uncertain sound? How much did his doctrinal dis-

cussions enforce his exhortations to repent, to believe in Christ, and obey every divine command? How carefully did he connect faith and good works in his pastoral ministrations? His natural gravity added to the solemnity of his ministerial performances. He also spoke under a sensible impression of Divine truth on his own mind. His preaching was therefore well adapted to impress his hearers. By the power of the Holy Spirit, it had this effect, as numbers who heard him can testify.

In the year 1798 was the season of most interesting attention to religion, which he was so happy as to witness among his people. It was a powerful work of grace. The fruit was considerable. At other times he enjoyed a special blessing on his labors. In such revivals of religion he took a lively interest, and prayed and labored to promote them. The prosperity of Zion at large was dear to his heart. He rejoiced in the increase of orthodox, faithful ministers around him and through our land. The cause of missions he warmly espoused and readily encouraged other objects of Christian enterprise. He looked with confidence for the earth to be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. Christian principles appeared to influence him in all the walks of life, and in the discharge of relative duties.

He manifested much affection and kindness in his family. He was affectionate and kind to his other relatives. He was a lover of hospitality and of good men. His Christian brethren and other friends were made so welcome and entertained so kindly in his house that they could afterwards call with pleasure. His trust in God sustained him under the trials he endured. These appeared to mature his Christian character, to promote his usefulness, and to increase his joy in the Lord.

In his last sickness, he had, as he thought, the Savior's gracious presence and peace with God through

our Lord Jesus Christ. He was visited with some darkness of mind, which was followed with reviving light and comfort, but his disorder so prostrated his system as to prevent a full expression of his views and feelings. He, however, conversed with members of his charge, and with some of his children. To the latter he opened his mind with much tender affection. His dying words, they will long remember; his end, in the judgment of his pious friends, was peace.

The removal of such a husband is to you, dear madam, a very sensible loss. But you trust that his gain is unspeakably greater. You could pray for his continuance in life, but you cannot now desire his return. He lived to a good old age, and has departed in peace. Bless the Lord that you so long enjoyed his affection, his pious example, and his prayers.

Follow him as he followed Christ; yea, rather live a life of faith on the Son of God, who loved you and gave himself for you, and you will soon see Jesus as he is, and be like him forever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you, and make you to abound in peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, till you join the church of the first-born in heaven.

What an affliction to children is the death of a kind and pious father! What tender scenes, my beloved friends, does it open to your minds? You recall the past; and think of the future. You are reminded of your peculiar privileges, as children of parents in covenant with God, and as solemnly devoted to him in baptism. What tender solicitude has your father felt for your salvation? How earnestly has he besought you, and especially on his dying bed, that you would choose the God of your parents as your God? How many prayers has he offered for you? How much instruction has he given you? Is all this nothing to you? Can you neglect

it all? Is this honoring your father? Is it preparing to meet him before your judge? Are you prepared for such a meeting? Are you born of the Spirit? Is the God of your Father your God, by faith in Christ? Do you live, not to yourselves, but to the Lord? Then, through rich grace, you will close your days in peace, and enter the New Jerusalem. How animating the thought! But shall either of you fail of this blessedness? O prevent it by pressing into the kingdom. Can you think of perishing from such a family and such privileges as you have enjoyed? O be wise, win Christ. Secure to yourselves his unsearchable riches. Make him your Friend, and he will never fail you. The Lord bless you for his name's sake.

The death of such a Brother, my respected Friends, is to you afflicting and solemn. It speaks loudly to your hearts, calling you to seek more earnestly the things which are above. Obey the call, I beseech you, and see that you are made meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. May the other Relatives duly notice the hand of God. Be humble; be penitent; and zealously seek the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May his grace be with you all.

The members of this Church will see cause to humble themselves under the mighty hand of God. He gave and he has taken away a Pastor who has been much and justly endeared to you. To some of you, he has been a spiritual father. How long he has broken among you the bread of life; and given you the tokens of the Saviour's love. But his work is done. His ministry is closed. You will long and affectionately remember him and the things which he taught. Let him still speak to you. Walk in love, my dearly beloved, as Christ hath loved you. Love one another with pure hearts fervently. Grieve not the Holy Spirit, by any unkindness, or bitterness, or

evil affection towards any man. Seek of the Lord a faithful Pastor, who shall determine to know nothing among you but Jesus Christ and him crucified. Stand fast in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; and be of one mind of one accord, and the Lord will be with you. We commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified. To this Congregation, the Lord speaks, as he never spake before. He has called from you his ambassador, to give account of his ministry. What account does your minister render to the Lord, who sent him? Have you received him in love, for Jesus' sake? Has he persuaded you to be reconciled to God, through his only begotten Son? Must he testify that you will not receive and obey the Son of God, as your Saviour and King? Can you persist in this purpose? Do you consider the consequences? Can you endure them? Are you ready to meet the minister of Christ before his judgment seat? Are you prepared for the trial? If you are condemned, can you appeal? Can you find a friend in the universe? But now, today, you can make the Judge your Friend. He will be your Surety, if you condemn yourself and justify God. He will then acquit you in the judgment day, and give you a crown of righteousness. Now hear the voice. Duly prize the ministry of reconciliation. Live not without it. The liberal support of the gospel is for your present interest and future blessedness. O fear and serve the Lord, and his mercy will be on you and your children.

My Brethren in the ministry, let us be more faithful in our office, by what we have known of this respected Father and Brother in the gospel. Let his death deeply admonish us to be also ready. We also must give account of ourselves unto God. To whom is death so solemn, so full of tremendous results, as to the watchman of souls?

What immense interests are in his hands? Who is the faithful steward of the mysteries of God? Who is wise to win souls? Who will receive the approving sentence — Well done, good and faithful servant. Dear Brethren, let us be clothed with humility; and let the love of Christ constrain us to live always to him; and may he accept and bless us in our work, for the honor of his name.

Let every one, in this house of our solemnities, prepare to meet God in judgment. The decisive day is at hand. Delay has ruined thousands. Let it not be your ruin. Be reconciled to God, through his Son. Receive the abundance of his grace, and the gift of righteousness, that you may reign in life by Jesus Christ, forever. Amen."

HYMN

What think you of Christ? is the test
To try both your state and your scheme;
You cannot be right in the rest,
Unless you think rightly of him.
As Jesus appears in your view,
As he is beloved or not;
So God is disposed to you,
And mercy or wrath are your lot.

Some take him a creature to be,
A man, or an angel at most;
Sure these have not feelings like me,
Nor know themselves wretched and lost;
So guilty, so helpless am I,
I durst not confide in his blood,
Nor on his protection rely,
Unless I were sure he is God.

Some call him a Saviour, in word,
But mix their own works with his plan;

And hope he his help will afford,
 When they have done all that they can;
 If doings prove rather too light,
 (A little, they own, they may fail)
 They purpose to make up full weight,
 By casting his name in the scale.

Some style him the pearl of great price,
 And say he's the fountain of joys;
 Yet feed upon folly and vice,
 And cleave to the world and its toys;
 Like Judas, the Saviour they kiss,
 And while they salute him betray;
 Ah! what will profession like this
 Avail in his terrible day?

If ask'd, what of Jesus I think?
 Tho' still my best thoughts are but poor,
 I say, he's my meat and my drink,
 My life, and my strength, and my store;
 My Shepherd, my Husband, my Friend,
 My Saviour from Sin and from thrall;
 My hope from beginning to end,
 My portion, my Lord, and my All.

Names of church members when Rev. Paul Litchfield died, November 5, 1827:

John Green, Deacon	Mary Proctor
John Jacobs, Deacon	Sarah Taylor
Joseph Heald	Hannah Wilkins
Harris Bingham	Lucinda Wyman
Lucy Andrews	Sarah Fletcher
Sarah Blood	Sarah Nuting
Lydia Parker	Hannah Nuting
Susanna Parlin	Anna Blood

Mable Jacobs	Mrs. Parker
Abi Heald	Mrs. Barrett
Hannah Blood	Sarah Green
Elisabeth Hodgman	Hannah Forbush
Rachel Hartwell	Lois Green
Lucy Harwood	Lydia Foster
Mary Skilton	Miranda Russell."

A meeting of the church was regularly called for November 26, 1827, at the home of Deacon John Jacobs, which appears to have been the first meeting of the church for the transaction of business held subsequent to the death of Rev. Paul Litchfield. At this meeting it was voted that Deacon John Jacobs take charge of the church records and the donation of books bequeathed to the church by their late pastor.

On Monday, December 3, 1827, in less than a month after the death of Rev. Mr. Litchfield, the voters of the town were assembled at the meeting-house in the capacity of a town meeting. Only one article appeared in the warrant, and that in substance was, to see if the inhabitants would have religious services on Sabbath days in the future, and pass any votes in relation to the same which they may think proper. The town voted to have religious services, and chose a committee of three to supply the pulpit by hiring until the following March. At the subsequent March meeting the question was again considered: "To know if the inhabitants of said town will take any method relative to having preaching in the future." The town voted in the affirmative, and chose Mr. John Heald as a committee to see that the pulpit be supplied for one month, at the end of which time a committee of three were chosen by the town to continue the supplies, and the sum of three hundred dollars was raised to support public worship and other ministerial charges for the ensuing year. The committee

chosen by the town to secure supplies for the pulpit employed preachers of the orthodox belief for a few weeks, after which those usually secured were of Unitarian faith.

On June 9, 1828, a meeting of the church was held at the home of Deacon John Green, at which it was unanimously voted to give Rev. Joseph W. Clary, who sympathized with the late Rev. Paul Litchfield in matters of theology, a call to settle with them in the gospel ministry. At a subsequent town meeting, held June 19, the town by vote non-concurred with the church.

Various movements took place between the town and the church until at length the Rev. Ephraim Randall, something of a popular preacher, but Unitarian in creed, was employed by the town committee, and a paper was put in circulation to obtain subscribers to give him a call to settle over the church and town. Those of the inhabitants who were of the orthodox persuasion, finding a majority of the voters of the town were determined to settle a Unitarian minister and would not consider the proposals made to them by the church, took advantage of the then recent law and twenty in number "signed off," as it was called, to the Trinitarian Society in Concord, under the care of Rev. D. L. Southmeyed, in order not to be holden to pay any part of the expense of settling or supporting a minister who entertained religious views not consistent with their own. The church as a church, however, always held their communion seasons in the town, and the church as well as those who "signed off" and did not belong to the church, continued to hold meetings together on Sabbath days in some private house.

An article as follows appeared in the warrant for the annual March meeting in the year 1829: "To know if the town will agree that the Church of Christ, in the town and others who may wish to worship with them, may have the use of the meeting-house and bell, for the

purpose of religious worship, at any time when it is not wanted for the use of the town." The town voted "that action be deferred for one year," and the request was never again presented.

On December 28, 1829, the town voted and chose a committee to petition the Legislature that the said parish be incorporated as the First Religious Society in Carlisle. Nothing, however, in the town records shows that the Legislature considered the petition or that it was presented. At the same meeting the town "voted that the money called the Simon Blood, Jr., donation money, be forever appropriated as a fund to be known as the Blood Ministerial Fund of the First Religious Society in Carlisle, and that said fund be forever under the control and for the sole use of the afore-named religious Society."

Efforts were put forth, and proposals were subsequently made by the church, to bring about some amicable arrangement with the town in order that a union of purpose and interests between church and town, similar to what had existed in years past, might prevail again, but all to no effect; and to crown the whole the town at its annual town meeting held on Monday, March 1, 1830, chose a committee to take all the property into their possession belonging to the church.

This property was by vote of the church in the possession of Deacon John Jacobs and was subsequently reluctantly handed over, in order to avoid any possible future trouble. At the latter-named meeting the town also voted to raise three hundred dollars for the support of preaching. A meeting of the members of the First Religious Society was held in the meeting-house on Monday, November 22, 1830. Mr. Thomas Heald was chosen moderator, and it "was unanimously agreed to give the Rev. Stephen Hull an invitation to settle with said church and society in the ministry, and that so long

as he should discharge the duties of a clergyman in said church and society, he receive three hundred and seventy dollars yearly for his compensation, to be paid in four quarterly payments and that the above contract may be dissolved by either party thereto giving the other six months notice, and paying up all arrearages."

A committee of three persons were chosen to wait on Rev. Stephen Hull and present to him the proceedings of this meeting. The call was accepted by Mr. Hull, and the service of installation took place on December 29. Rev. Dr. Ripley of Concord presided at the council and Rev. Dr. Eaton of Boxford preached the sermon.

This union of pastor and people continued until June 1, 1835, the parish having six months previously given the required notice that they wished to annul the contract.

On November 14, 1831, the last money, three hundred dollars in amount, was raised by the town in its corporate capacity for the purpose of supporting the gospel; and was appropriated for the purpose of paying Rev. Stephen Hull his salary and for other parochial charges. Thus the above date notes the financial separation of town and church.

Under the new régime, the members of the First Religious Society voted from time to time to raise a portion of the funds required for the support of religious worship by taxation. This necessitated a valuation, and the following is the result of what appears to have been the first valuation authorized by the Society:

"104,975 Dollars Total amount of Estate Real and Personal owned by Members of the first Religious Society in Carlisle per Valuation of 1835,

B. F. Heald,
Jonas Parker,
J. W. Wilkins,
Parish Assessors."

“\$312.24 Total amount of Taxes Assessed for the year 1835.

B. F. Heald,
Jonas Parker,
J. W. Wilkins,
Parish Assessors.”

It may be of interest to know that no estate was valued as high as the \$5000 mark; four were over \$4000, but less than \$5000; three were over \$3000, but less than \$4000; twelve were over \$2000, but less than \$3000; twenty-five were assessed for a poll tax only; sixty-three had a valuation of less than \$2000; one hundred and seven entries were made on the valuation list.

Rev. Mr. Williams, Rev. Edmund Capron and Rev. George W. Stacy supplied the pulpit for a year after Rev. Stephen Hull's pastorate. The following order drawn on the treasury of the First Religious Society is of interest, since it indicates the price paid for board on the date attached.

“Carlisle, 20th Feb. 1836.

Order No. 27, \$30. —

Mr. James Green Treas. of the first Religious Society in Carlisle,

Sir: Please to appropriate to your own use, thirty dollars of the money now in your hands belonging to sd. Society, that sum being the amount due to you for boarding Rev. Messrs. Capron & Stacy fifteen weeks at \$2 per week, and this shall be your discharge for the same. Per order.

B. F. Heald, *Parish Clerk.*”

An adjourned meeting of the voting members of the First Religious Society was held at their meeting-house on Monday, March 21, 1836, at which meeting “Capt. Thomas Green, from the committee appointed to confer with Rev. George W. Stacy, reported that said

committee had attended to their duty and ascertained that said Stacy would engage to supply the Desk for one year for three hundred dollars, and house rent and fire wood." It was voted that he be invited to settle as pastor of the First Religious Society in Carlisle, and that the ordination take place the first Wednesday in May following, if agreeable to him; and committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

The ordination took place May 4, 1836, with the following order of service:

Anthem.

Introductory Prayer, Rev. Mr. Damon, West Cambridge.

Scripture Selection, Rev. Mr. Andrews, Chelmsford.

Hymn.

Sermon, Rev. Mr. Ballou, Mendon.

Anthem.

Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Mr. Maynard, Amherst, N. H.

Charge, Rev. Mr. Dean, Boston.

Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Mr. Morse, Marlboro.

Original Hymn.

Address to the People, Dr. Ripley, Concord.

Concluding Prayer, Rev. Mr. White, Littleton.

Anthem.

Benediction.

Thus Rev. George W. Stacy was the third pastor settled over the First Religious Society. His pastorate terminated May 1, 1839, of his own volition.

Subsequent to the termination of the pastorate of Rev. George W. Stacy, the pulpit appears to have been supplied by a number of clergymen, hired usually from Sabbath to Sabbath or for a short term, until the year 1848, when the services of Rev. Mr. Hervey of Wayland were secured. After he had supplied the pulpit for a number of Sabbaths, to the entire satisfaction of the Society, the parish by a unanimous vote invited him to

assume the duties of minister and pastor of the church for the term of one year, at a salary of four hundred dollars, which invitation he accepted, and entered upon the duties on September 1, 1848.

During the church year ending November 1, 1853, the pulpit was supplied most of the time by Mr. Davis Smith from the Cambridge Divinity School. "On the twentieth of June Mr. Smith was ordained in the church as an evangelist. The Rev. Messrs. Bridge of Lexington, Cushing of Bedford, Frost of Concord, Lincoln of Boston, and Mellen of Chelmsford took part in the exercises."

In the year 1854 the First Parish leased Union Hall to the town for the purpose of holding town meetings, for the sum of twelve dollars per year. This rental, together with the amount received for the annual rent of forty pews in the church, which alone sometimes exceeded four hundred dollars, went a long way toward paying the running expenses for supporting public worship. When there was likely to be a deficiency the balance was raised sometimes by taxation and sometimes by subscription. There was also an annual income from the Simon Blood fund, which was likewise appropriated, and at a meeting of the Society held December 21, 1855, a new source of income was inaugurated, which has continued with only occasional annual interruptions to the present time (1920), when it was voted "that the society authorize the holding of one or more tea parties the ensuing winter, and the proceeds thereof be paid over to the treasurer to be appropriated to the payment of ministerial services the present parochial year."

These tea parties usually included a good theatrical by local talent, followed by a supper and dance, with music by a first-class orchestra and always attracted large crowds and netted a neat sum for the church. On November 2, 1857, at a parish meeting then being held,

it was voted to employ Rev. James T. Powers to occupy the pulpit until the next parish meeting. This was the beginning of a pastorate that continued until April 30, 1863, when his resignation took effect, but by agreement with the committee he supplied the pulpit by himself or substitute until October 31, making his pastorate of six years' duration.

At a parish meeting held March 19, 1864, it was "voted that hereafter the parochial year shall commence on the first day of April in each year, instead of the first day of November as heretofore." At a parish meeting held December 31, 1864, it was "voted to instruct the standing committee to employ the Rev. B. F. Summerbell to supply the pulpit for the remainder of the present fiscal year." This they did, and then engaged him to continue for the ensuing year, at an annual salary of seven hundred dollars.

Rev. John S. Smith was the next regular pastor and assumed the duties of the position, as Rev. Mr. Summerbell's successor, in the year 1866. During Mr. Smith's pastorate, many changes were made and much valuable work was done. The membership list was revised, new by-laws were adopted, necessary repairs on the exterior and interior of the church were made, a new church organ was purchased and installed; a beautiful clock, the gift of Mr. S. T. Fletcher of Lowell, was a valuable addition to the church auditorium; a bequest to the Society by the late Capt. Thomas Green was accepted, and extensive repairs were made on the church spire. The pastorate of Rev. J. S. Smith terminated in Carlisle on the expiration of his fifth annual engagement, April 1, 1871. During the year ending April 1, 1873, because of a lack of sufficient funds, the pulpit supply was only secured for five Sabbaths. On May 14, 1873, "The parish committee voted to grant the free use of the church to parties request-

ing it, to hold public worship therein until such time as the Society may require it for their own use." In consideration of the above very liberal offer, Alexander Dight, a young man who was preparing for a Methodist preacher, was engaged, and continued to supply the pulpit very acceptably for a year or more. The next regular minister engaged by the First Religious Society was Rev. James J. Twiss, who commenced his labors in 1876, and resigned to take effect on November 1, 1879, after a three-years pastorate.

Rev. George F. Piper, pastor of the Unitarian Church in the adjoining town of Bedford, was the next to assume the pastoral care of the Carlisle church. This he did in addition to and in connection with his Bedford charge, until the year 1890. Rev. Edwin C. Abbott of Boston was Mr. Piper's successor, and supplied the pulpit for ten years, or until July 1, 1901.

The year 1898 was a very prosperous year for the First Religious Society, from a financial standpoint, since it voted to accept three donations as follows: A note of two hundred dollars and accrued interest left by will of Mrs. Maria F. Green; a note of two hundred dollars given by Mr. Ambrose Heald, and a bequest of ten thousand dollars by will of the late Joanna Gleason.

At a special meeting of the parish held in Union Hall November 16, 1901, it was "Voted that the parish committee hire Rev. Walter E. Lane as a resident minister for one year," and at the annual meeting of the Society held April 26, 1902, it was voted that Mr. Lane be installed. A committee of five persons from the church were chosen to confer with Mr. Lane, and make the necessary arrangements, which duties they performed, and Rev. Walter Eustace Lane was installed as pastor of the First Religious Society of Carlisle, on Thursday afternoon, May 22, 1902. The order of exercises follows:

Anthem, "Come to Me,"	Choir.
Invocation,	Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff, Chelmsford.
Scripture Reading and Hymn	
Sermon,	Rev. Charles E. St. John, Boston.
Prayer of Installation,	Rev. C. A. Staples, Lexington.
Response.	
Charge to Pastor,	Rev. L. B. Macdonald, Concord.
Right hand of Fellowship,	Rev. Edgar S. Weirs, Billerica.
Address to the People,	Rev. Frederic Gill, Arlington.
Address, "The Denominational Message,"	
	Rev. G. H. Badger, Boston.
Address,	Rev. Herbert Armes, Carlisle.
Doxology.	
Benediction by the Pastor.	

Rev. Mr. Lane continued in his position as pastor of the First Church for four years, when at the annual parish meeting held March 20, 1906, he presented and read his resignation. Action on the matter was referred to an adjourned meeting held April 7, 1906, when after due consideration the pastor's resignation was accepted.

At the annual parish meeting held on April 3, 1907, it was "voted to install the pastor, Rev. Frank H. Billington," who was Rev. Mr. Lane's successor, and a committee of five persons as follows, Rev. Frank H. Billington, J. H. Wilkins, E. S. Ricker, Mrs. D. W. Robbins and Mrs. Nettie Wilson were appointed by the chair to name the date, and make the necessary arrangements. The service of installation was held in the church Wednesday, April 24, 1907, at two o'clock, with the following order of exercises:

Hymn, "Come thou Almighty King,"	Congregation.
Charge to the Pastor,	Rev. Harry Lutz, Billerica.
Charge to the People,	Rev. Frederic Gill, Arlington.
Solo "Come unto me," (Hawley)	Miss Rose Fish.

Right hand of Fellowship,

Rev. Loren B. Maedonald, Concord.
Hymn, "Walk in the Light," Congregation.
Benediction, Pastor.
Organ Postlude Frank E. Wilkins.

At the annual parish meeting called for April 5, and adjourned to April 8, 1911, the resignation of the pastor, Rev. Frank H. Billington, was read by the clerk. The meeting in taking action voted unanimously not to accept, but the pastor's decision appears to have been conclusive.

At a special parish meeting held November 25, 1911, it was voted to extend a call to Rev. Granville Pierce to assume the duties as pastor of the church. Mr. Pierce accepted the call and moved to town, serving as pastor of the First Religious Society for more than two years. During his pastorate a new organ was given the Society by Unity Guild, and it was voted by the Society to donate the old organ to Unity Guild.

A special parish meeting was held in Union Hall January 9, 1915. Article II was "To see what action the parish will take in regard to hiring a minister." Rev. E. J. Prescott, of Hampton Falls, N. H., was the candidate under consideration, and it was "voted that the parish committee be instructed to engage him on such conditions as they deem best." Mr. Prescott lived in Hampton Falls most of the time, but held the position of pastor of the First Religious Society in Carlisle for upward of three years, making weekly trips between the two places by automobile for the Sunday service.

The following is a copy of the second item of the will of Serlina G. Richardson, late of Chelmsford, formerly a resident of Carlisle: "Item 2. I give to the First Religious Society (Unitarian) at Carlisle, the sum of One Thousand Dollars, in trust, the income only of

said sum to be expended annually for the support of liberal preaching."

At the annual parish meeting held April 5, 1916, it was "Voted to accept the gift of one thousand dollars from Serlina G. Richardson, late of Chelmsford, the clerk to make a suitable record on the Church book."

Following the pastorate of Rev. E. J. Prescott, the Rev. J. H. Crooker of Lexington supplied the pulpit of the First Parish Church for a few Sundays, and was finally hired to assume the duties of pastor. He continued to make his home in Lexington, going to Carlisle for the Sabbath day service and as necessity required.

CHAPTER XVIII

UNION CALVINISTIC CHURCH

AFTER a series of efforts on the part of the members of the original church to negotiate an amicable settlement of ecclesiastical affairs with the town, extending over a period of three years subsequent to the death of the Rev. Paul Litchfield, the first pastor of the town, the situation appears to have developed into a condition where new resources had to be developed and new plans formed, which resulted in twelve legal voters of the town, John Jacobs, Aaron Fletcher, Zebulon Blood, Joseph Heald, Abel Taylor, William Raymond, Samuel Boynton, Jonas Munroe, Reuben Munroe, Harris Bingham, Timothy Meek and Reuben Foster, forming themselves into a religious society known as the Union Calvinistic Society; and later applying to Jonathan Prescott, Esq., of Westford, to grant a warrant in due form of law to Deacon Jacobs, to notify all the male members of said Society to meet at the house of Capt. Aaron Fletcher on Saturday, November 20, 1830, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of organizing according to law, and choosing all necessary officers to manage the business of said Society.

The warrant was granted and the members of the Society were personally warned by Deacon Jacobs. The meeting was held at the time and place mentioned, the place being the same premises in the center of the town now (1920) owned and occupied by Mr. Daniel W. Robbins. The meeting was called to order by Jonathan Prescott, Esq., the justice of the peace, who served the

warrant. Mr. Samuel Boynton was chosen moderator, and the following officers, who were also the first officers of said Society, were chosen: Clerk, John Jacobs; treasurer and collector, John Jacobs; prudential committee, Harris Bingham, John Jacobs and Reuben Foster. Twenty male members then signed the constitution of the Society and the date of November 20, 1830, will be remembered as the date when the Union Calvinistic Society was organized.

Now the situation in the town appeared to be a new religious society formed, with a constantly increasing membership, but lacking the necessary convenience of a house for worship, and to the consideration of this particular problem the minds of the members of the Society appear to have been turned; for at a business meeting of the Society, held at the home of Deacon John Jacobs on January 3, 1831, it was "Voted that Deacon Jacobs draw up a subscription paper and circulate the same for the purpose of ascertaining what sum can be raised in this manner toward building a church."

On the twenty-eighth day of the following February a meeting of the Society was called at the same place as before, and it was "voted to build a house of worship thirty feet long, twenty-eight feet wide and fifteen feet high, and also to lay out the money subscribed in labor and materials as far as it will go." Just how much was subscribed is not revealed, but it is recorded that one individual raised by subscription from people not living in the town the sum of \$255.06 in money, and twenty-one dollars in materials, which included a stove.

Messrs. John Jacobs, Abel Taylor and Reuben Foster were chosen as a building committee, who attended to the duties assigned them, and completed the building during the summer of 1832, at an expense to the Society of nearly eight hundred dollars. Necessary arrange-

ments were made, and the building was dedicated to God, and the purposes of religious worship on October 4, 1832. Rev. Amos Blanchard of Lowell preached the dedicatory sermon and meetings continued to be held for a space of three days with favorable results to the church and Society.

The building was located at the south of the Common, in the center of the town, the same location as that occupied by the Congregational Church at the present time (1920), and of which it forms the larger part of the main auditorium. The land surrounding it and on which the church stands, in area a quarter of an acre more or less, was leased by said Society for a term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years of Mr. Isaac Duren, with the express understanding that said Society would, within the space of two years, erect a building on said premises to be consecrated to the solemn worship of Almighty God, and that the doctrines supported shall be the same as were embodied and maintained by the early settlers of the country, and which are now known as orthodox or evangelical, being the same as said Society did at that time openly profess. Said lease is dated April 6, 1831, the terms of which are that the sum of twenty dollars rent shall be paid upon the delivery of the lease, and afterward the sum of one cent for each and every year during the existence of said lease.

The Society chose Deacon John Jacobs and Mr. Abel Taylor as their agents to execute the foregoing lease with Mr. Duren, both of whose names are embodied in the indenture as the authorized agents of the Society for that purpose. Previous to the erection of the church edifice Sabbath services had for some time been regularly maintained in private homes. Various clergymen, seventy-seven in all, according to the church records, had supplied one or more Sabbaths. It was on April 22,

1833, at a regular meeting of the church and Society, that a unanimous vote was passed to call the Rev. Abel Patten to settle with them in the Gospel ministry. The call concludes with the following terms and conditions: "And that you may be in a good measure free from worldly cares and avocations, we as a church and society do hereby promise and oblige ourselves to furnish you with board, a room, fuel, lights, &c., the use of horse and chaise when necessary, and to pay you annually in addition to one hundred dollars from the Domestic Missionary Society, the sum of two hundred dollars in regular quarterly payments, during a period of two years."

The foregoing call was accepted by Rev. Abel Patten and an ecclesiastical council was convened at the home of Deacon Jacobs on May 22. Seven churches were represented in the council by pastor and delegate. The proceedings of the church and the examination of the candidate being concluded, and proving satisfactory to the council, it was voted to adjourn to the house of public worship, where the public exercises of the installation were observed and Rev. Abel Patten was installed the first pastor of the new church and Society.

The pastorate of Rev. Mr. Patten continued until September 29, 1835, when because of the inability of the church and Society to raise a competent salary for his support, at his own request an ecclesiastical council was convened and a dissolution of the pastoral relationship was recommended and accomplished.

The second pastor settled over the church and Society was Rev. Preserved Smith. He was the unanimous choice of the church, and their action relative to finances follows: "Voted to give you four Hundred Dollars a year for your Salary allowing you as many Sabbaths Annually as we may fail to make up that amount." The call was accepted, and arrangements

made for the installation, which took place August 31, 1836.

During Rev. Mr. Smith's pastorate, in the fall of the year 1837, the church was enlarged and certain repairs were made; the money for the purpose was obtained principally by subscription, the pastor subscribing one hundred and twenty-five dollars, and lesser amounts were given by members of the Society. John Jacobs, Abel Taylor, Abel Taylor, Jr., Capt. Aaron Fletcher and Mr. Asa P. Adams were the committee in charge. On August 28, 1843, after a seven-years pastorate in Carlisle, and at his own request, Mr. Smith's pastoral relations were dissolved by the action of an ecclesiastical council.

On June 28, 1845, a letter of acceptance was sent to the Union Calvinistic Church by Rev. George W. Thompson, in reply to a call previously received by him from the church committee desiring that he become their pastor. An ecclesiastical council was convened on July 16, 1845 and Rev. George W. Thompson was installed the third pastor of the church and Society. His annual salary was four hundred dollars, with three or four Sabbaths' vacation. Mr. Thompson had previous to his coming to Carlisle preached in the town of Dracut and the Dracut church urgently requested that he resume his labors among them. The Carlisle church, considering the circumstances, consented to release him, and his pastoral relations in Carlisle were dissolved by an ecclesiastical council convened September 2, 1847.

Rev. Seth W. Banister was installed the fourth pastor of the church and Society April 27, 1848, and it was during the first year of his pastorate that the Society built a parsonage at a cost of nearly seventeen hundred dollars and paid down the sum of six hundred dollars, raised principally by subscription, leaving a balance of eleven hundred dollars, which was subsequently raised

by subscription and paid. The building committee were appointed February 9, 1848, at a legally called meeting, and included Rev. S. W. Banister, Abel Taylor, Jr., and Simon T. Fletcher.

The site selected for the parsonage was a few yards north of the Central Burial Ground and on the west side of what is known as the Lowell Road. The buildings included a two-story house and small barn, located within an enclosure containing half an acre of land more or less, which was purchased for the purpose from the late Benjamin Barrett for the sum of eighty-five dollars. In the year 1850 the Society paid for the purpose of supporting a singing-school the sum of fifty-six dollars.

During the month of January in the year 1851 a church bell weighing 852 pounds was purchased at a cost of two hundred and thirteen dollars, being at the rate of twenty-five cents per pound, which, with an added expense of thirty-five dollars for hanging, was placed in position on the church.

“On Tuesday, July 23, 1850, at the funeral of his mother, was baptised William Stevens, son of Rev. S. W. Banister.” The item, copied from the church records, would indicate that Mr. Banister’s wife died during his Carlisle pastorate, and also indicates the date of her funeral, but no account of her decease appears in the records. The pastoral labors of Rev. Mr. Banister for the Carlisle church terminated by his own request in the fall of the year 1852.

The Rev. John Lawrence providentially came to Carlisle in January 23, 1853, to preach for a single Sabbath. He appears to have given general satisfaction to the church and Society who continued his services until March 10, on which date they gave him a call to settle with them and become their resident and permanent spiritual leader, at a salary of four hundred dollars and

parsonage, and a vacation of four Sabbaths annually. On March 30, Mr. Lawrence accepted the call, and it was on May 5, 1853, that an ecclesiastical council convened and Mr. Lawrence was installed the fifth pastor of the church and Society in accordance with the customary program.

On September 24, 1856, which was during the pastorate of Mr. Lawrence, a meeting of the Society was held at the church, previous to which a subscription paper had been circulated for the purpose of raising funds to cancel the debt incurred by the building of the parsonage. Sufficient funds had been raised for the purpose, largely through the efforts of the pastor. There were thirty entries on the list, those amounting to fifty dollars or more being as follows: Rev. John Lawrence, \$100; Simon T. Fletcher, \$500; Abel Taylor, Jr., \$125; Aaron Fletcher, \$100; Harris Bingham, \$50; John Jacobs, \$50; Mrs. Sarah Taylor, \$50. Twenty-three entries, ranging from ten to twenty-five dollars each, totaled \$332; the entire subscription totaled \$1307, and the debt was paid.

At this meeting it was "voted that the society does gratefully acknowledge the favor of Divine Providence in the recent successful effort made to relieve it of debt, and that the Parsonage shall be held, and the use and benefit be applied only and solely for the support of strictly evangelical preaching, and that if ever the church or society shall not need the parsonage for the support of the Gospel Ministry as above stated, and shall vote to sell the same, the money subscribed to pay for same shall be returned in due proportion to the subscribers or their heirs, according to the sum obtained by the sale." The names of subscribers and amounts subscribed appear in the church records.

An exchange had been arranged between Rev. Mr. Lawrence and Rev. Joseph Garland of Acton, for Sunday,

March 26, 1859, and during the service Rev. Mr. Garland read Mr. Lawrence's resignation as pastor of the Carlisle church. On March 30, at a church meeting, plans were perfected for calling a council, which convened April 5, 1859, and came to the conclusion that it was expedient that the pastoral relations be dissolved because of inadequacy of support.

The following is copied from the church records, having been recorded during Rev. John Lawrence's pastorate: "October 16, 1858. The funeral of Mr. John Dana Robbins at the Meeting House, age 49 years, weight 430 or more pounds."

On June 8, 1859, the church and Society joined in extending a call to Rev. Josiah Ballard to become their pastor. The compensation named in the call was an annual salary of six hundred dollars and parsonage, allowing a vacation of two Sabbaths. Mr. Ballard's letter of acceptance was dated June 25, and services of installation were held in the church September 15, 1859.

Mr. Ballard appears to have been a very acceptable pastor, but his earthly labors were suddenly terminated, according to the following quotation from the church records: "Dec. 12, 1863. Our beloved pastor Rev. Josiah Ballard, deceased."

Mr. Ballard had the respect and good will, not only of his own church and Society, but of all persons who knew him, without regard to sect. The decease of his wife occurred about a year prior to his own. Both were buried in Carlisle, their remains being subsequently exhumed and carried to New Hampshire.

The first bell used and owned by the Society since the year 1851 was cracked or injured, and at the annual parish meeting held April 7, 1864, Messrs. George F. Duren and Albert Boynton were chosen a committee to

dispose of same, which they did previous to the following August, for the sum of thirty-eight cents per pound, or a total of \$302.48. Owing to the advance in the price of metal caused by the Civil War, this amount netted the Society the sum of \$89.48 more than was paid for the bell when it was new. The bell was not replaced until the year 1866, when at an expense of \$357.83 a new one was put in its place. This bell, however, did not last long, for at a meeting of the Society called for September 7, 1867, Mr. Nathaniel Hutchinson was chosen as a committee and authorized to procure subscriptions for the purpose of procuring a new bell in place of the present one, now broken. The provisions of the vote were carried out, and the bell then procured is the one in use at the present time (1920).

The next pastor called by the church and Society was the Rev. William H. Dowden, who was installed February 13, 1866. Mr. Dowden and Rev. Leonard Luce of Westford arranged an exchange for Sunday, December 13, 1869, when Mr. Luce read a letter to the Carlisle church from their pastor, requesting them to unite with him in convening a council to consider the matter of dissolving the pastoral relations existing between them. The pastor's resignation was accepted by the church, and the council assembled December 28, 1869, and advised the dissolution.

During the first year of Mr. Dowden's pastorate extensive repairs were made upon the church building, costing in the aggregate \$907.08, which amount was raised by subscription and paid during the year. The repairs mentioned included painting and shingling the building, papering the interior, cushioning the pews, carpeting the floor, providing new stoves and lamps, and placing a new bell in the belfry, of which mention has previously been made.

The eighth and last pastor to be installed over the church and Society was Rev. Moses Patten. The call was issued on September 29, 1870, the consideration was to be an annual salary of eight hundred and fifty dollars, the use of the parsonage, and two weeks' vacation. The service of installation took place at the church October 27, 1870, and the parts in the service were assigned as follows:

Invocation,	Brother B. S. Adams, Andover.
Scripture Reading,	Rev. Edward Chase, Bedford.
Prayer,	Rev. John Lawrence.
Sermon,	Rev. C. R. Bliss, Wakefield.
Installing Prayer,	Rev. E. Loomis, Littleton.
Charge to the Pastor,	Rev. A. S. Hudson, Burlington.
Right hand of Fellowship,	Rev. W. H. Dowden, Lunenburg.
Address to the People,	Rev. Daniel Phillips, Chelmsford.
Benediction.	Pastor.

Rev. Mr. Patten, having previously handed in his letter of resignation as pastor of the Carlisle church, a council was called on December 8, 1875, to consider the expediency of severing the pastoral relations, with the result "that the resignation be finally accepted, and the pastor dismissed according to his request."

Following Mr. Patten, the Rev. Asa Mann of Raynham, Mass., was hired by the church and Society and preached about one year at a salary of nine hundred dollars, coming weekly to town from his home in Raynham to supply the pulpit each Sabbath. Rev. F. M. Sprague, who resided in Chelmsford Center, was next hired in connection with the Congregational Church of Chelmsford, at an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars, and preached on Sabbath forenoons for the church in Carlisle, and in the afternoon for the church in Chelmsford. This arrangement continued to exist for a term of three years,

and it was on May 25, 1879, that Mr. Sprague preached his farewell sermon. During his ministry the churches in Carlisle and Chelmsford each paid the sum of \$375 annually, and the remaining \$450 was paid by the Home Missionary Society.

Rev. James Walker of West Chelmsford was next hired by the church and Society, preaching his first sermon in the Carlisle Church, June 1, 1879, and his last July 8, 1888. During this pastorate he lived in West Chelmsford and made week-end trips to attend the Friday evening prayer meetings, staying over for the Sabbath services. He was of Scotch descent, of a kind and sympathetic nature, beloved by his church and Society and all who knew him.

The following is copied from the church records: "July 16, 1888. Rev. James Walker, our beloved and faithful pastor, died at his home in West Chelmsford this A.M." He was of a rugged and robust build, was eighty years of age, but in appearance much younger. His portrait decorates the walls of the church and was presented by his daughter, Miss Janet Walker. His funeral service at West Chelmsford, and a memorial service in the Carlisle church on the Sabbath following his funeral, were conducted by his friend and acquaintance of long standing, the Rev. Robert Court of Lowell.

During the pastorate of Rev. James Walker, in the year 1882, the church building was thoroughly repaired at an expense of seventeen hundred dollars, all but seven hundred and fifty dollars of which was raised by subscription. New colored glass windows were substituted for the old ones, the interior was kalsomined and papered, three appropriate mottoes were placed on the wall back of the pulpit, a modern pulpit supplanted the old desk, and new furnishings throughout were supplied. The position for the choir was changed from the end of the

church opposite the pulpit, to the north side of the pulpit platform, a new carpet and chandelier were purchased, and new movable seats replaced the old pews. Ten feet was added to the east end of the building. The old belfry was removed, and a symmetrical spire was erected in its place. The entire building was painted inside and out. The committee on the repairs were Mr. Nathaniel Hutchinson, Deacon H. Prescott, Mr. Arthur Page, Miss Alice M. Jones and Mrs. Henry Spaulding, who turned over to the church and Society the building thus remodelled, and on Sunday, August 20, 1882, services of re-dedication were observed. Rev. James Walker preached the morning sermon, and the dedicatory address was delivered in the afternoon, in the presence of a crowded house, by Rev. Russell H. Conwell of Lexington.

Rev. Joseph Hammond, of Kingston, N. H., supplied the pulpit for two Sabbaths in April, 1889, as a candidate, and proved so satisfactory that he was hired to continue, commencing his labors as pastor on May 5, 1889. He moved to Carlisle with his wife and family and occupied the parsonage receiving, in addition to the use of the parsonage, an annual salary of seven hundred dollars. On May 27, 1894, after a five-years pastorate in Carlisle, Mr. Hammond closed his labors here, after having tendered his resignation and given three months' notice, and accepted a call to the Congregational Church in Hancock, N. H.

During the year ending March 31, 1890, the Society treasurer received from John E. Bull, executor of the will of the late Abel Taylor, what was to be known as the Taylor fund, investments amounting to \$7213.20, the income to be used by the church and Society toward the support of orthodox preaching.

During the summer of 1894 Rev. Lyman B. Mevis of East Douglas, Mass., occupied the pulpit four Sabbaths,

preaching as a candidate; he proved satisfactory and was hired at an annual salary of seven hundred dollars and parsonage. He moved to town, occupying the parsonage, and commencing his pastoral labors October 7, 1894. In the year 1895, largely through the efforts of the pastor, the interior of the church was improved by new paper, new lamps, new stove, and a platform constructed for the church organ. The entire cost was about one hundred and thirty dollars which was raised by subscription.

On February 13, 1898, Rev. W. F. Bacon of Medford occupied the pulpit both morning and evening. At the close of the morning sermon he read a letter of resignation from the Carlisle pastor, Rev. Lyman B. Mevis, to take effect on or before June 1, 1898, at the pleasure of either party. It was, however, on August 14, 1898, when Mr. Mevis preached his farewell sermon and closed his labors in Carlisle.

Following Mr. Mevis' pastorate, four different clergymen supplied the pulpit as candidates until October 24, 1898, on which date a meeting of the church and Society was held in the church for the choice of a pastor. The result of the first ballot was largely in favor of Rev. A. Herbert Armes, who accepted the call at an annual salary of seven hundred dollars and use of the parsonage, which he later occupied, and began his pastoral labors here December 1, 1898.

CARLISLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On January 8, 1903, a committee, including Rev. A. H. Armes, Deacon D. L. Chamberlin and Mr. W. A. Prescott, were chosen to incorporate the church. On July 2, 1903, a meeting of the resident members of twenty-one years of age and upwards of the Union Calvinistic (Congregational) Church of Carlisle was held in the

church to organize for the purpose of incorporation. The meeting was called to order by Herbert P. Dutton, the signer of the call, Daniel L. Chamberlin was elected temporary chairman, Herbert P. Dutton was elected clerk and sworn. It was voted to change the name from the Union Calvinistic Church to the Carlisle Congregational Church, and the by-laws as amended were adopted. Daniel L. Chamberlin was elected as moderator; George E. French was elected treasurer; D. L. Chamberlin, George E. French and Albert W. Davis were elected trustees. Herbert A. Lee was elected auditor; D. L. Chamberlin and Herbert P. Dutton were elected deacons; Herbert P. Dutton, Herbert A. Lee and Sidney A. Davis were elected ushers.

The creed, covenant, and articles of faith were read and adopted. Charter No. 10165, dated July 22, 1903, was signed and issued by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the latter date indicates the birth of the Society under its new name, and the officers named above were the first to serve the new Society.

At the annual meeting of the church, held January 11, 1905, a letter was read by the church treasurer from Mr. James E. Melvin, telling of his gift of one thousand dollars to the church, the income from which was to be applied toward church expenses. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and it was voted to accept the gift on the terms named by the donor.

At a church meeting held October 23, 1905, a committee previously appointed reported that a parcel of land south of the meeting-house, and running parallel with the road, suitable for the erection of ten horse-sheds, could be purchased for twenty-five dollars. The committee were instructed to purchase the land, pass a subscription paper for funds and if the result was satisfactory to go ahead and build the sheds, which they did.

At the annual meeting of the Society, held April 9, 1898, Article IV in the warrant was: "To see what action the Parish will take in regard to a certain sum of money now in Middlesex Institution for Savings to the credit of the Society." It was "voted that the Society set this sum, one hundred dollars, apart as a permanent fund for the benefit of the Society, to be known as the Duren Fund." At the same meeting a letter was read from Mr. John E. Bull, of Billerica, donating the sum of \$765 to the Society. A testimonial of appreciation was read by the pastor, Rev. Lyman Mevis, and it was "Resolved that we accept the sum so given, the same to be invested according to his wishes as a permanent fund; also that we extend to him our sincere thanks." Also at the same meeting it was "voted that the treasurer receive the legacy from the Estate of the late Mrs. Joanna Gleason and invest the same according to the conditions of the will." The amount of this legacy was five thousand dollars, the income from which is to be used for church expenses.

On August 19, 1898, the Union Calvinistic Society received from the executor of the will of the late Mrs. Fidelia Wheeler of Acton, Mass., a legacy of one hundred dollars, and at a meeting of the Society held on April 8, 1899, voted to accept the legacy with thanks, and also to appropriate the amount toward paying the general expense of the parish.

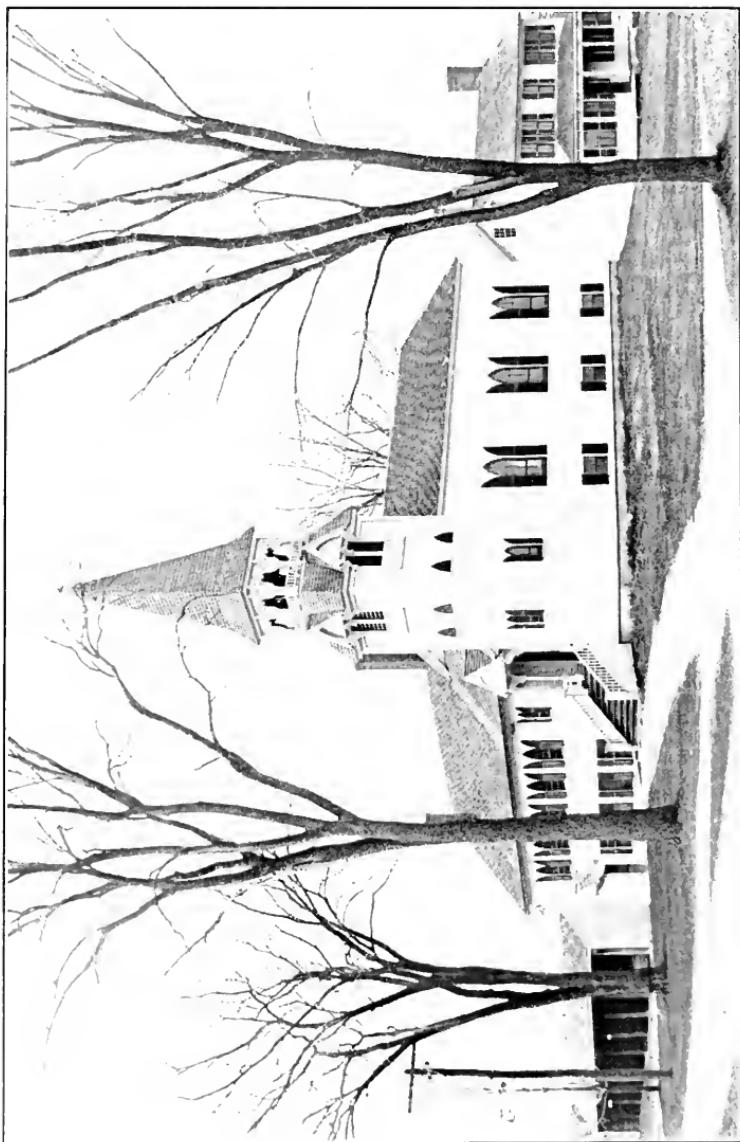
During the year 1899 a new well was dug and stoned up at the parsonage, at an expense including piping of \$93.69; the amount of this bill was paid by two persons, members of the church.

A special meeting of the Union Calvinistic Society was held in the church on Thursday, April 21, 1904. The matter under consideration was to see if the Society would transfer its property and funds to the Carlisle Congregational Church. It was "Voted that the Society

take such action as will transfer its property, and any property that it may receive hereafter, to the Carlisle Congregational Church." This action was taken under two votes, one authorizing the transfer of all the real estate, and another authorizing and directing the transfer of all the personal property, moneys and securities in the hands of George E. French, treasurer, and D. L. Chamberlin, trustee, to George E. French, treasurer of the Carlisle Congregational Church. This action was doubtless taken to simplify matters, as what was originally known as the Union Calvinistic Church had recently been incorporated as the Carlisle Congregational Church, and probably assumed all the business originally transacted by the church and Society.

During the year 1905 a number of horse-sheds were erected south of the church and parallel with the highway, at an expense of \$279.09; the funds were provided largely by subscription, an additional amount of fifty dollars being paid for land.

On Sunday, November 18, 1906, an exchange was arranged, and Rev. David C. Torrey of Bedford preached at the Carlisle church. At the close of his sermon he read the resignation of Rev. A. Herbert Armes, who had been pastor of the church for the preceding eight years. A meeting of the church was called for November 26, at which it was voted to request the pastor to reconsider his resignation, and Mr. W. A. Prescott was chosen to consult with him regarding the matter, to report at an adjourned meeting the next day. Mr. Armes stated at this meeting that he had given the request that he reconsider the matter of his resignation very careful thought, but taking all things into consideration he felt that he must adhere to his original decision. It was then voted that his resignation be accepted, and the following testimonial, read by Mr. William A. Prescott, was adopted:



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"Whereas it has seemed best that the pastoral relations of the Rev. A. Herbert Armes to the Carlisle Congregational Church be now closed after eight years of faithful service, the members of said church, desiring to show their appreciation of the efficient labors of both Mr. and Mrs. Armes in all the departments of church work, give this testimonial. We heartily commend their work and influence both in the church and community, and feel that their removal will mean a distinct loss to all. We wish both Mr. and Mrs. Armes much success and happiness in their new field of labor."

Mr. Armes' call came from Westminster, Worcester County, Mass., to which place he soon removed.

A number of candidates supplied the pulpit for about six months, among whom was Rev. Philip A. Job. On June 4, 1907, a church meeting was called to consider the choice of a pastor. It was voted that a ballot be taken for this purpose which resulted as follows: Whole number of ballots cast was eighteen; Mr. Job had eighteen and was unanimously chosen. It was voted that he be paid an annual salary of eight hundred dollars and that he have the use of the parsonage, and be allowed two weeks' vacation. On Sunday, July 21, 1907, Mr. Job began his work as pastor of the church. During the latter year the parsonage was painted at a cost of sixty dollars.

The residence of the late Abel Taylor, who left his property on his decease to the Congregational Church in Carlisle, was sold by the trustees of the church property to Capt. H. W. Wilson for seven hundred dollars. The deed was signed by the three trustees on June 17, 1909.

For a number of years the idea of building a vestry or chapel in connection with the Congregational Church building had been under consideration by those who worshipped there. At the annual business meeting of

the church held on January 5, 1910, it was "Voted that a building committee of five be appointed, having authority to solicit and receive subscriptions and funds to be used in the erection of a vestry; and to secure plans for said building, to be acted upon at a business meeting of the church." The following committee were elected: Mrs. W. B. Chamberlin, Mrs. Nettie Davis, Mrs. Lucy R. Davis, Rev. Philip A. Job and Herbert A. Lee.

At the annual business meeting of the church held January 5, 1911, the vestry building committee reported that they had procured plans from architect Edwin R. Clark, of Chelmsford, for the proposed addition to the church edifice, to cost approximately two thousand dollars. Pledge cards had been circulated among the church people and friends, with the result that cash subscriptions had been received amounting to \$535, and pledges of \$200, which added to an original fund of \$350, made a total of \$1085 available.

On April 26 a business meeting of the church was held, when it was voted to accept the two-story plan, with minor modifications, that had previously been considered, and that they proceed to build the chapel addition as soon as they had the necessary funds or pledges for the same. There was a special meeting of the church members called for Monday evening, June 5, 1911, to hear the report of the vestry committee, and to choose a building committee. At this meeting it was "voted that a committee of three be elected to serve as a building committee." This committee were elected by ballot, as follows: Warren B. Chamberlin, Daniel L. Chamberlin and Rev. Philip A. Job.

The plan adopted was for a two-story chapel built as an addition to the church, and in order that the lower story should be entirely above ground, the church was raised about four feet. Authority for doing this was

granted at a special meeting of the church called for August 7, 1911. At the same meeting the committee were instructed to have the church and chapel addition wired and supplied with fixtures for electric lights. The construction of the new chapel was completed in February, 1912, twenty-five months after the first definite action was taken and the first committee chosen. The service of dedication was observed in the church on Wednesday, March 6, 1912, commencing at 10.30 A.M. and continued all day, with the following program.

FORENOON

Organ Voluntary, Gounod's "Marche Romaine."

Anthem, "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing" (*Adams*)

Church Quartet.

Address of Welcome, Deacon D. L. Chamberlin.

Historical Address, Rev. Philip A. Job.

Greetings from the First Parish Church,
Rev. Granville Pierce.

Remarks, Rev. W. J. Batt, Concord Junction.

Letters read from Rev. Joseph Hammond, a former pastor and Rev. Martin Lovering, a former resident.

At 12.30 the ladies of the church served a dinner in the new dining room, which received appreciative comments from the guests.

AFTERNOON

Organ Prelude, Richard G. Smith, Boston.

Anthem of the morning by special request.

Prayer, Rev. E. C. Hayes, Acton.

Violin Solo, "Berceuse from Jocelyn" (*B. Godard*)
Prof. Ashton Lewis.

Responsive Reading,

Led by Rev. David C. Torrey, Bedford.

Delivery of Keys, by Rev. Philip A. Job, on behalf of the
Building Committee.

Accepted by Deacon D. L. Chamberlin, on behalf of the Trustees.

Original Dedication Poem by Mrs. Lucy Roby Davis,
Read by Miss Esther Olsen.

Solo, "Hold Thou My Hand, O Lord" (*C. S. Briggs*)
Miss Grace H. Chamberlin,

With violin obbligato by Professor Lewis.

Dedication Sermon, Rev. Smith Baker, D.D., Lowell.

Violin Solo, "Whisperings" (*original*) Professor Lewis.

Prayer of Dedication, Rev. Philip A. Job.

Doxology.

Benediction.

The exercises were inspiring and helpful, and were attended not only by the townspeople but by a good number from Boston, Lowell and the surrounding cities and towns.

Mrs. Mary A. Reynolds of Carlisle presented the church with an ornamental pulpit set, and Mrs. Emma F. Vinton of Winchester gave a Bible for the pulpit.

The chapel addition is as large as the church and contains on the ground floor a dining room or social hall, seating about seventy, a large, light and convenient kitchen, furnace-room, coatroom, and closets. The second floor, on a level with the church, is occupied by primary classroom, library and main Sunday School room, connecting with the church by a sliding partition. The building is attractively finished in natural wood. A furnace is installed and the entire building equipped with electric lights. Much credit was due to the members of the building committee for their faithful work and especially to the pastor, Rev. Philip A. Job, who in all ways was tireless in his efforts.

The final report of the building committee was rendered at the annual business meeting of the church held January 8, 1913, and was as follows: "The building

committee elected at the business meeting of the church June 5, 1911, met and organized as follows: Chairman, D. L. Chamberlin; secretary, Rev. Philip A. Job. The committee called for and received bids on the plans of E. R. Clark accepted by the church. After careful consideration the several contracts were let and the work of building began. The committee kept constant oversight of the work, to see that it was properly done according to contract. The laying of the foundation was begun in August. The carpenters began work September 25, 1911, and the whole work was completed in the following February. The chapel was dedicated March 6, 1912.

The committee submit the following statement of work done and the cost."

Architect's fee.....	\$25.00
Raising church 3'9" and moving sheds.....	230.00
Stone work, brick work and plastering.....	481.63
Carpenters' contract and extras.....	2,247.52
Miscellaneous.....	31.08
Painting outside of chapel and blinds of church, varnishing interior and finishing floor.....	181.31
Furnaces for church and chapel.....	279.77
Electric lights, contract \$104.50; lamps \$13.50	118.00
Chairs for chapel.....	81.00
Piano.....	<u>120.00</u>
Total cost.....	\$3,795.31

The following communication explains itself.

"To the Old South Society, Greeting:

The Carlisle Congregational Church, at its annual meeting January 8, 1913, took the following action: Voted that we as a church send our sincere thanks to the Old South Society for the generous gift of five hundred dollars toward the building fund for our chapel. We have now occupied and used the new building for some

months, and as we realize how much it increases the efficiency of the church we feel more and more grateful to those who helped us to secure it. That your Society and its work may be greatly blessed is our earnest and prayerful hope.

Very sincerely,

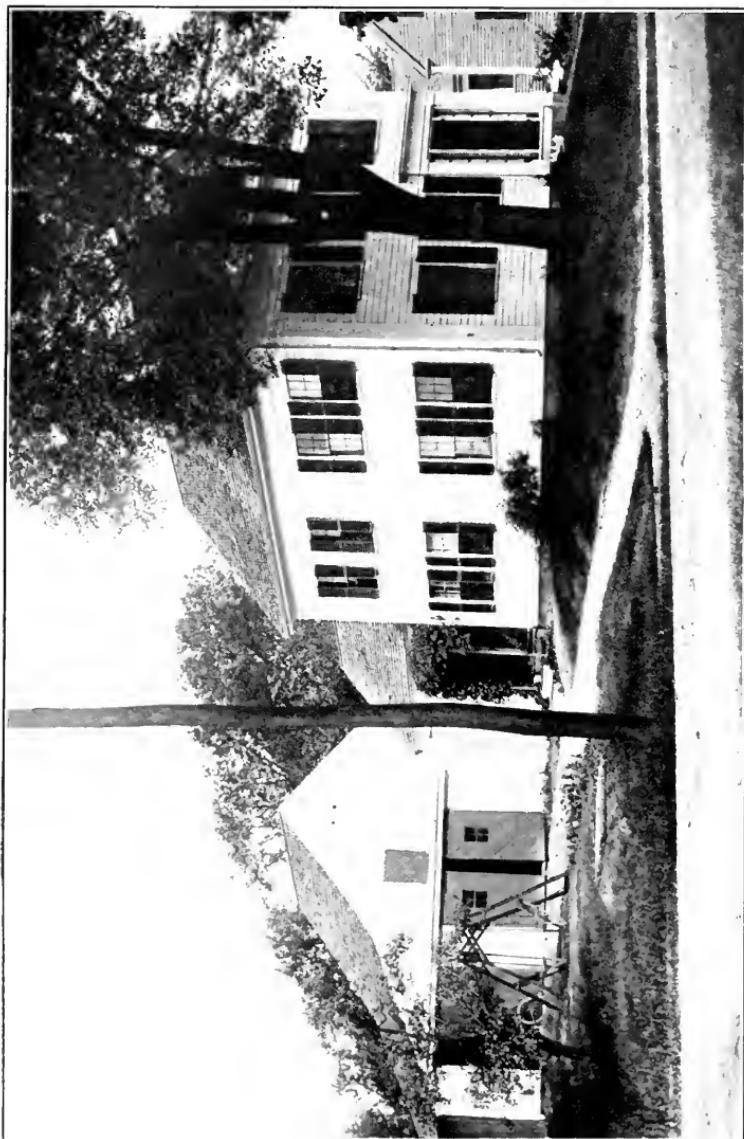
Deacon H. P. Dutton, *Clerk.*"

On March 31, 1913, the church received twenty-five dollars from Mr. Minot Davis, a former resident and church attendant, as the nucleus of a fund for installing pews in the church.

Following, with the exception of the above, is a list of the funds owned by the church as reported by the church treasurer on December 31, 1913: Abel Taylor fund, \$6609.18; Joanna Gleason fund, \$5000; John Heald fund, \$1000; Hermon Duren fund, \$100; James E. Melvin fund, \$1000; making a total of \$13,709.18.

On May 20, 1915, a special business meeting of the church was held, at which it was voted to dig a well near the church and pipe water from the same to a pump to be placed in the church kitchen. Also at this meeting it was "voted to accept the gift of a hardwood floor from the Christian Endeavor Society and extend to them a vote of thanks for the same." More than a year prior to this vote the church received from said society \$112.50 in trust, which doubtless was intended for this purpose.

On August 29, 1915, Rev. Philip A. Job read his resignation as pastor of the Carlisle church, to take effect October 1 following. Mr. Job was pastor at Carlisle for eight years, during which period the new chapel was built and repairs made that entailed an expense of upward of four thousand dollars; he was untiring in his oversight of the details until the work



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was done and the bills paid. His next pastorate was in Fall River, Mass., where he accepted a position as associate pastor at the Central Congregational Church.

Following Mr. Job, Rev. J. Clarke Reilly supplied the pulpit for many Sabbaths, to the great satisfaction of the congregation. Other preachers were hired from Sabbath to Sabbath, until March 2, 1919, when Rev. Benson P. Wilkins, who was a resident of the town, was hired at an annual salary of one thousand dollars.

The following is a list of deacons, and the order in which they served, chosen by the church since its organization: John Jacobs, John Green, Joseph Heald, Harris Bingham, John W. Bruce, Benjamin S. Adams, Humphrey Preseott, Joseph Little, Samuel G. Bailey, John E. Bull, Daniel L. Chamberlin, George E. French, Herbert P. Dutton, Robert W. McAllister.

On January 1, 1920, the church numbered seventy-three members in good and regular standing, twenty-eight male and forty-five female. Thirteen of this number are non-residents.

ISAAC DUREN LEASE

The following is a copy of the lease of land to Carlisle Union Calvinistic Society: "This Indenture made this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-one, by and between Isaac Duren of Carlisle in the County of Middlesex, yeoman, of the one part and the Union Calvinistic Society of Carlisle, being a religious Society in said town of Carlisle duly organized under the statutes of 1823, Chap. 106, of the other part, witnesseth, That the said Duren doth hereby lease and demise unto the said Union Calvinistic Society of Carlisle and its successors, a certain piece of land situated in or near the center of said Carlisle and bounded as follows, viz.,

beginning at a large stone at the northeasterly corner by the County road, thence running westerly by said road seven rods to a stake and stones thence running southerly five rods on said Duren's land to a stake and stones, thence running easterly seven rods to a stake and stones by the town road, thence running northerly six rods to the first mentioned point of beginning, being about a quarter of an acre more or less, or however otherwise bounded, with the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging. To hold for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years from the day of the date hereof, the said Lessees, yielding and paying rent therefor the sum of twenty dollars on the making and delivery of this lease, & afterward the sum of one cent for each and every year during the existence of said lease,— the first payment to be made on the sixth day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-two — And whereas the said Lessees, the Union Calvinistic Society of Carlisle, intend and have agreed to erect a building on said premises to be consecrated to the solemn worship of Almighty God — now this demise and conveyance is made by said Duren to the said society upon this express condition, that the said society shall erect such a house within two years from this date, and that they and their successors during the existence of this lease shall support the doctrines of the Gospel as they were embraced and maintained by the first settlers of this country, & which are now called Orthodox or Evangelical & which faith the said society do now openly profess and in case the said Society or its successors shall depart from the said faith and permit other doctrines to be preached and maintained in the said meeting house to be erected on the said premises, then and in such case this lease shall be forthwith determined and the said Lessor, his Heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may immediately

enter into and upon the said premises and expel the Lessees their Successors or assigns therefrom. And it is also covenanted and agreed by and between the said parties that in case the said Society shall hereafter be so far prospered as to feel it to be a duty to procure a larger house for public worship — now on the happening of such event, the said Lessees are hereby authorized to change the building to be erected by them on said granted premises into a private dwelling house or into a vestry and in which ease when the same shall be made fit for the residence of a private family, and shall actually be inhabited or shall be used as a vestry, the said Lessees and their successors shall pay to the said Duren, his executors and administrators the sum of five dollars additional rent for the same to be paid on the same day during each and every year of the duration of said lease, but liable to forfeiture in the manner aforesaid in case the said society or its successors shall not perform the above condition in their other house of public worship in the maintenance of the same doctrines and the preaching thereof as aforesaid. And the parties do respectively covenant with each other and the respective representatives of each other for the faithful performance of the conditions and covenants herein contained. In witness whereof the said Duren hath hereunto set his hand and seal and the said society by John Jacobs and Abel Taylor their committee for that purpose duly authorized by said Society as their agents and attorneys have hereunto set their hands and the seal of said society to this and another instrument of the like tenor and date and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
In the presence of
Aaron Fletcher
Martin Jacobs.

Isaac Duren [seal]
John Jacobs [seal]
Abel Taylor [seal]

Middlesex s.s., April 11, 1831.

Then personally appeared the within named Isaac Duren and Mary Duren his wife and acknowledged this Instrument to be their free act and deed before me,

John Heald,
Justice of the Peace.

Middlesex s.s., April 12, 1831,

Rec'd & Recorded by

Wm. F. Stowe, Reg'r.

CHAPTER XIX

OLD HOME DAYS

THE Old Home Day feature was first observed by the town of Carlisle, July 31, 1912, and proved to be an occasion of general interest to the people of the town and to the native and adopted sons and daughters who had been called to other localities, but had now returned for the day's festivities at this beautiful season of the year. The stars and stripes were waving from the tall liberty pole on the Common, and the Soldiers' Monument on Monument Square was decorated with flags and flowers. The temperature was that of a good old summer day. At ten o'clock there was a parade, introducing various features, headed by the band from the County Training School at North Chelmsford. Lieut. E. S. Ricker was the chief marshal, and William F. Robbins carried the national colors. Following were automobiles and bicycles with decorations, an old-fashioned one-horse chaise and a band of Carlisle Indians, very realistic in their dress.

The judges in making their awards decided as follows: Best trade feature, J. S. Anthony, a float representing the mason's trade; best local hit, George W. Hibbard, representing the milk industry; best novelty, Mrs. Edwin Currier, a baby riding among the corn stalks; best light hitch, Frank J. Biggi; worst appearing vehicle, Alfred Sargent, in the one-horse chaise.

After the parade there was music by the band, and a general season of sociability. There were refreshment booths selling cold drinks and ice cream, and coffee was provided free during the noon hour, when a basket picnic

was enjoyed in the grove. The afternoon was devoted to a series of sports on the Common. The general committee in charge were as follows: Rev. Granville Pierce, chairman; Anna Hanson, secretary; Frank J. Biggi, Ralph Gerow, Albert W. Davis, Herbert P. Dutton, Winifred Lee, George E. Wilkins, James H. Wilkins, Warren C. Duren, Netting O. Wilson. Six sub-committees had charge of the various features.

The second Old Home Day was Tuesday, August 12, 1913. Music was furnished by the O. M. I. fife and drum corps of Lowell.

"Now let the merriest tales be told,
And let the sweetest songs be sung,
That ever made the old heart young."

The forenoon program was as follows: ten o'clock, parade, with prizes awarded for the following features: Best working team; best gentleman's driving team; automobile; float; novelty; trade exhibit. Other worthy exhibits received consideration. The chief marshal of the parade was Edson B. Robbins.

Sporting features included putting the shot, standing broad jump, standing high jump, running broad jump, running high jump, potato races. There was a concert by the drum corps, and dinner was served at 12.30, with coffee furnished free to all. The afternoon program began at two o'clock and was as follows: Bicycle race for boys; fifty-yard dash for boys under ten years; seventy-five-yard dash for boys between ten and sixteen years; fifty-yard dash for girls; one-hundred-yard dash open to all; tug-of-war, captains E. B. Robbins and Charles Dunton; relay race for boys; slow driving race; three-legged race; sack races: milkmaids' contest. First and second prizes were awarded.

The general committee consisted of Rev. Granville Pierce, chairman; George E. Wilkins, H. W. Wilson,

E. B. Rose, W. B. Chamberlin, Warren C. Duren, Herbert P. Dutton. There were nine sub-committees.

The third Old Home Day was observed Thursday, August 20, 1914.

“This fond attachment to the well-known place
Whence first we started into life’s long race
Maintains its hold with such unfailing sway
We feel it e’en in age, and at our latest day.”

The morning program began at 9.30 o’clock and included: Ball game; one-hundred-yard dash free for all; seventy-five-yard dash for boys under fifteen years of age; fifty-yard dash for boys under ten years of age; seventy-five yard dash for girls, free for all; running high jump; standing broad jump; standing high jump; putting the shot; potato race for girls; tug-of-war for young men under twenty years, captains Oscar E. Pedersen and Charles S. Davis; milk can contest for women; milk can contest for men. Prizes were awarded in the various events and entertainment was furnished by Ray Newton the magician. There was music at intervals by the band, and basket lunch was enjoyed at 12.30.

The program of the afternoon included addresses by Gov. David I. Walsh, Senator Edward Fisher and others. Mrs. Dorothy Berry Carpenter gave several readings.

The committee this year was: President, Dr. George P. Towle; vice-president, Herbert A. Lee; secretary, Edmund L. French; treasurer, George G. Wilkins.

The fourth Old Home Day celebration was observed Friday, August 20, 1915.

“Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
‘This is my own, my native land!’
Whose heart hath ne’er within him burn’d,
As home his footsteps he hath turn’d,
From wandering on a foreign strand!”

The morning program included a fine parade, with prizes for the best features, followed by general sports. There was music by the North Chelmsford Training School Band. At 12.30 dinner was furnished by R. J. Harvey, caterer, of Lowell, in the banquet hall of the First Parish Church.

In the afternoon a large audience listened to an address of welcome, by Rev. Elvin J. Prescott; with addresses by Senator Charles A. Kimball of Littleton and Mr. Hall of Acton. There were also readings by Mrs. Belle Harrington Hall of Lowell.

The committee in charge were: President, William Foss, Jr.; vice-president, James S. Anthony; secretary, Edmund L. French; treasurer, George G. Wilkins. These officers were assisted by eight committees.

The fifth Old Home Day was observed on Monday, September 1, 1919, and was of more than usual interest because it was observed in connection with a reception tendered to the Carlisle soldiers and sailors returned from the World War. An added feature of the occasion was the patriotic decoration of the public buildings, churches and dwellings in the town, giving the town a holiday appearance befitting the main feature of the occasion.

“ ‘Tis sweet to hear the watch-dog’s honest bark,
Bay deep-mouthed welcome as we draw near home;
‘Tis sweet to know there is an eye to mark
Our coming, and look brighter when we come.”

The celebration began with the ringing of church bells and flag raising at sunrise, followed by a short service in the Unitarian Church. As usual, there was a ball game and parade, with concert by Pettiner’s Orchestra of Waltham. Buffet lunch was served by R. J. Harvey, the caterer, in the banquet hall of the First Parish Church.

In the afternoon, following a concert by the orchestra,

there was an able address delivered by Hon. Albert P. Langtry, Secretary of the Commonwealth. Then followed a musical program in the First Parish Church, a program of minor sports on the Common, the day concluding with an informal dance for the people of the town and their guests.

The general committee was: President, William Foss, Jr.; vice-president, James S. Anthony; secretary, Edmund L. French; treasurer, George G. Wilkins. There were eight committees assigned to the various details of the day's proceedings.

The ball game was a spirited contest between the married and single men, and was won by the former by a score of ten to eight. The parade was the main event of the morning and included some really novel features. Lieut. Edward S. Ricker, mounted on his cavalry steed, was chief marshal, and ably directed the movements of the long line. There was a good representation of the twenty World War veterans who had served to the credit of the town; there were also Grand Army veterans, in addition to the many features usually included in the parade. Miss Edna Currier won the first prize; Mr. B. F. Blaisdell the second; and Mrs. W. S. Barrett the third prize for decorated automobiles. The first prize for the best float feature was awarded to Mrs. Nettie O. Wilson, and the second prize to Mr. Sorli. The first prize for features on foot went to the women carrying the large American flag, and the second prize went to the fishermen, who carried a string of native fish larger than usually seen.

In the afternoon, at the First Parish Church, Mr. James H. Wilkins presided and introduced the speakers, including Hon. Albert P. Langtry, Rev. Edgar C. Abbott of Boston, and a former pastor of the church, and Mr. Simon B. Harris of Lowell. They all held the closest

attention of the audience, which completely filled the auditorium. Following the speaking was a musical program, including numbers by Mr. McCarthy and Miss Tora Pederson of Lowell, Mrs. Mason Bennett of Boston, Mrs. Leo L. Jones of North Adams, Miss Ruth L. Chamberlin and F. E. Robbins of Carlisle.

CHAPTER XX

TOPOGRAPHY

CARLISLE, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, is bounded on the north by Chelmsford and Billerica; on the east by Billerica and Bedford; on the south by Concord; and on the west by Acton and Westford; and had assessed in the year 1917, 9886 acres of land. The location is considered extremely healthful and comfortable, being just far enough from the salt water to be properly tempered by the ocean breezes, but near enough to escape the extremes of heat or cold that locations farther inland experience.

The contour of the landscape is typical of New England, being undulating or diversified with hill and dale, giving the section a pleasing variety of scenery that is not monotonous.

Carlisle is an agricultural town, and the land gives good returns for the efforts of the husbandman. Being located but eighteen miles from Boston, and nine miles from Lowell, good markets are within easy access by team or truck.

The mean altitude of the town is two hundred feet above sea level, that being the altitude of the center of the town. There are four hills in the town that attain altitudes as follows: School House Hill has an altitude of 240 feet; Bellow Hill in the southern part has an altitude of 260 feet; Wilkins Hill in the western part is 300 feet; and Wilson Hill in the eastern part is 380 feet. There are no natural ponds or lakes in the town large enough to receive a name. Tophet Swamp, a brushy and wooded

marsh, occupies a central position in the area of the town, and has an altitude of one hundred and eighty feet above sea level; that really amounts to a divide, as all streams of water having their source on its northern border flow to the north, and those rising on its southern border flow to the south.

River Meadow Brook (also later known as Hale's Brook, from the fact that one Moses Hale of Lowell, in 1790, erected a fulling mill on it at Lowell, and later other mills, where he carried on an extensive and varied business), has its source in Heart Pond, Chelmsford, and runs in a northeasterly course through Carlisle and Chelmsford, and empties into the Concord River in Lowell, at a point nearly west of Fort Hill Park. For many years subsequent to 1870, Mr. Almon B. Rose carried on the hoop business (sawing birch hoops used in strapping boxes) in a shop upon this brook in the northerly part of Carlisle, for which the water of the brook furnished the motive power. About a half mile farther east on the same brook was a grist and sawmill owned and operated by Mr. Charles E. Adams.

Spencer Brook rises west of the center of Carlisle and is fed by a branch rising north of Bellow Hill, and runs in a southwesterly direction through Carlisle and Concord, its waters finally reach the Concord River. For twenty years or more subsequent to 1870 there was a hoop factory on this brook, owned and run by Mr. Nathan Buttrick and sons.

Page's Brook rises in Tophet Swamp in Carlisle and runs in a southerly direction, thence in a northeasterly direction and empties into the Concord River in South Billerica; this stream formerly supplied water power for Green's sawmill, a half mile east from Carlisle Center, and farther east in Carlisle was the motive power for Capt. Thomas Page's gristmill, in consideration of which

it was named Page's Brook. Captain Page purchased and occupied what was originally the Solomon Andrews farm, on which the mill was located, about the year 1830, and may have erected the mill himself. It is known that it was operated in his name from that date until August, 1860, when he died, and was not used for mill purposes after that time. Mr. John Hodgman was employed by Captain Page to grind the grain, and during the winter season was at the mill day and evening. The mill was taken down about the year 1885, and the two millstones that remained were sold and removed about 1917.

The Concord River is the boundary line between Carlisle and Bedford, and furnishes for Carlisle a mile and a half of river frontage.

After living in Carlisle for a period of twenty-two years, and in consideration of opinions formed from experience and observations, the author earlier in this article made the following assertion relative to its climate and kindred health conditions: "The location is considered extremely healthful and comfortable." A quotation from a Lowell newspaper, written twenty years earlier, by another hand, provides unimpeachable evidence of the truth of the assertion:

"Carlisle has something of a record in golden wedding anniversaries during the past nine years. Notably, July 6, 1893, was the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Duren. In less than a year, April 14, 1894, the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Hutchinson. Mr. Duren and Mrs. Hutchinson were brother and sister and lived side by side. September 20, 1895, was celebrated the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Horace N. Wilson. On June 14, 1899, was the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Austin Marsh; December 25, 1901, Mr. and Mrs. Amos K. Baldwin; May 10, 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Nickles; and June 10, 1902, Mr.

and Mrs. George W. Wilkins. Four of the number have joined "the innumerable throng," while ten still live, the evidence of life and health conditions in Carlisle conducive to longevity."

In the early existence of the town no mortality records were kept. From the year 1800 to 1826 the first pastor of the town, Rev. Paul Litchfield, regularly recorded the deaths as they occurred. Culling from his records we find the following list of persons who lived to the age of ninety years or more, which appears to be a remarkably good showing for a town of six hundred population:

1800.	April 19, Jonathan Spaulding	95 years
1803.	June 28, Wid. S. Fletcher	94 years
1807.	September 11, Wid. R. Heald	90 years
1808.	April 4, Wid. E. Nichols	94 years
1810.	February 5, Wid. L. Spaulding	93 years
1812.	December 22, Joseph Barrett	91 years
1815.	January 21, William Wilson	94 years
1816.	November 30, John Waters	98 years
1817.	April 28, Wid. M. Parker	93 years
1819.	September 23, Amos Kidder	90 years
1821.	December 5, Wid. R. Monroe	99 years
1826.	January 10, Isaac Wilkins	92 years
1826.	November 17, Wid. L. Russell	95 years

THE COPPER MINE

The Carlisle copper mine was located on what is now (1920) known as the Captain Wilson estate and the Edward J. Carr estate, in the southerly part of the town, about a mile from the center. Henry N. Hooper & Company, of Boston, church bell founders, were in charge of the work, which was carried on intermittently for a period of ten years from 1840. Major B. F. Heald, late of Carlisle, lived near the property, and was general super-

intendent during the entire period. A shaft was sunk to the depth of about two hundred and twenty feet, being the same depth as the height of Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown. The ore was hauled to Boston for smelting by ox teams, which proved so expensive that Hooper & Company who were the leading church bell founders and casters in the country at that time, decided to erect a smelter of their own on the property; but as the fumes from the smelter would injure vegetation, it became necessary for the company to purchase the adjoining farms in order to relieve them from the liability of paying damages. This they were unable to do, because of the excessive price charged by the owners of the land, and the idea was abandoned.

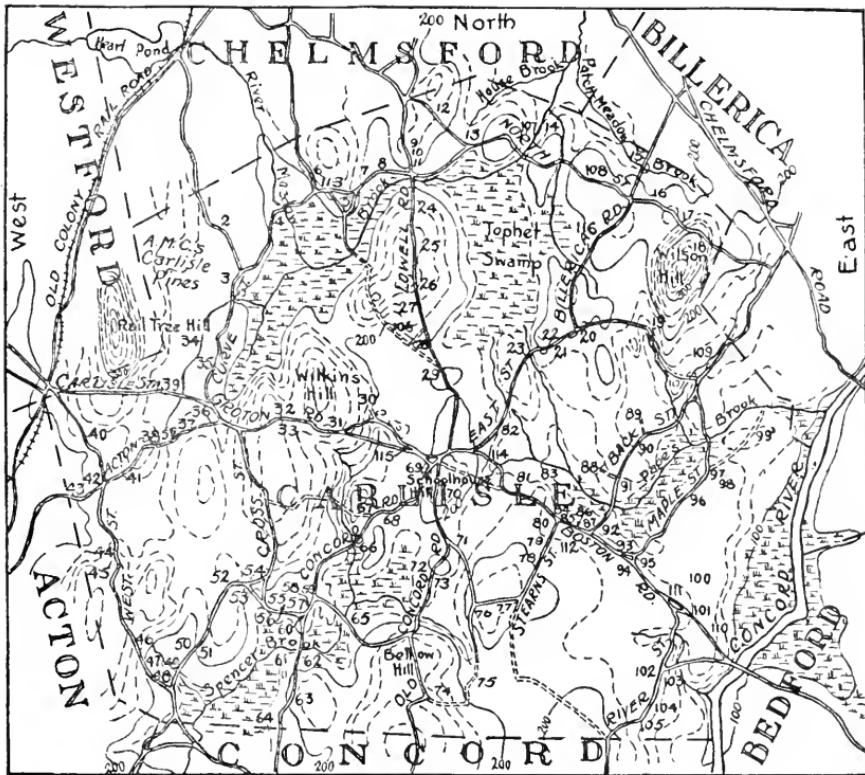
Quite a little village sprang up in connection with the mining operations. There were four miners' dwellings, a shaft house, blacksmith shop, cookhouse, barn, and other buildings. One Abel Hodgman had a store on the Carr estate, near the road. The result of working the mine was fairly satisfactory, and probably furnished the company with the copper used in connection with their bell founding, and possibly more, but the industry was abandoned in 1849, upon the discovery of the Lake Superior copper mines in Michigan.

GRANITE

There are doubtless fine granite ledges in Carlisle. Three of the adjoining towns, have valuable ledges that are being worked: Acton, Westford and Chelmsford, Carlisle has a ledge in the westerly part of the town, near Carlisle station on the Old Colony Road, that furnished the base for the Minute Man Monument in Concord, which might be considered indicative of something better, being found at a greater depth.

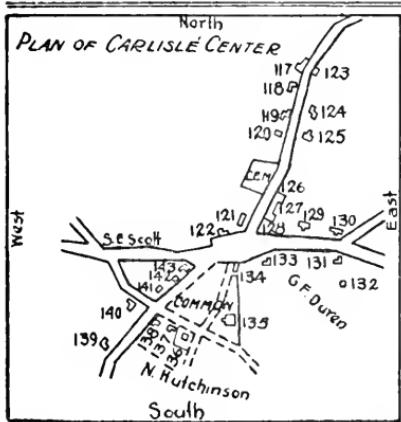
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1. W. Blaisdell	51. A. A. Adams	100. Mrs. B. Ford
2. D. Hardy, Est.	52. G. H. Robbins	101. M. Hanson
3. N. S. Hutchins	53. H. S. Scarlet	102. A. Biggi
4. S. B. Chamberlain	54. J. Simenson	103. G. S. Skelton
5. E. O. Robbins	55. School No. 2	104. E. Petersen
6. H. Martin	56. Mrs. M. Parkhurst	105. L. Hodgman
7. I. B. Hall	57. H. W. Wilson	106. W. W. Morse
8. A. Nickles	58. A. M. Dunn	107. C. E. Adams
9. S. J. Nickles	59. Mrs. S. G. Bailey	108. B. Shirreff
10. G. Hayward	60. Blacksmith Shop	109. E. Cushing
11. School No. 4	61. Hoop Mill —	110. A. Hill
12. Timothy Adams	A. Buttrick	111. Mrs. M. Duren
13. Miss J. Adams	62. William H. Hood	112. W. B. Proctor
14. Saw Mill	63. W. Keniston	113. Mrs. G. Marshall
15. Mrs. O. E. Shurtliff	64. A. Larson	114. James Taylor
16. Mrs. O. Nickles	65. E. J. Carr	115. A. Boynton
17. A. P. and A. Nickles	66. E. Sweeney	116. G. A. Hosley
18. H. N. Wilson	67. J. Swallow	117. William Green
19. Town Farm	68. E. Page	118. William Green
20. L. W. Hazelton	69. G. P. Nickles	119. Mrs. Barrett
21. Loren Kelley	70. School No. 1	120. Congregational Par- sonage
22. J. Hodgman	71. L. M. Green	121. S. T. Fletcher
23. Mrs. E. Wilkins	72. H. Prescott	122. A. T. Munroe and B. E. Webster
24. Hoop Shop	73. Cider Mill	123. William Green, Corn House
25. E. B. Rose	74. Miss H. L. C. Green	124. I. Blaisdell
26. E. B. Rose	75. A. K. Baldwin	125. B. F. Blaisdell
27. W. Hall	76. J. Long	126. Ice House and Car- riage Shed
28. D. Lane	77. Bartholemew O'Neil	127. S. A. and J. E. Bull — Store and Post Office
29. P. Sullivan, Est.	78. Mrs. E. M. G. Stearns	128. A. Boynton, Res.
30. G. Hodgeman	79. Mrs. E. M. G. Stearns	129. Mrs. M. Green
31. N. A. Taylor	80. T. A. Green	130. T. J. Green and J. W. Wilkins
32. Mrs. W. Munroe	81. B. F. Blaisdell	131. G. F. Duren
33. E. E. Wilkins	82. E. S. Hutchins	132. Cider Mill
34. S. H. Robbins	83. Saw Mill	133. N. Hutchinson
35. Mrs. C. Richardson	84. C. Furbush	134. J. Reynolds
36. T. Wilkins	85. Mrs. L. Davis	135. Unitarian Church
37. School No. 3	86. Mrs. C. Forbush	136. Congregational Church
38. J. Nones	87. J. Davis	137. A. Taylor
39. C. Nickles	88. M. Sexton	138. S. E. Scott
40. Mrs. Nickles	89. Mrs. S. L. Hammond	139. P. Nickles
41. J. O. Day	90. A. Duren	140. J. Abbot
42. Mrs. L. A. Walker	91. E. Jordan	141. G. W. Page
43. A. Heald	92. V. Munroe	142. Blacksmith Shop
44. J. W. Heald	93. Mrs. F. R. Hatch	143. M. Lee
45. S. Lovering	94. School No. 5	
46. F. A. Page	95. W. S. Lee	
47. M. Carter	96. A. Duren	
48. W. C. Koford	97. J. P. Rounds	
49. C. H. Hutchinson	98. Hot House	
50. Mrs. S. A. Carter	99. G. F. French	

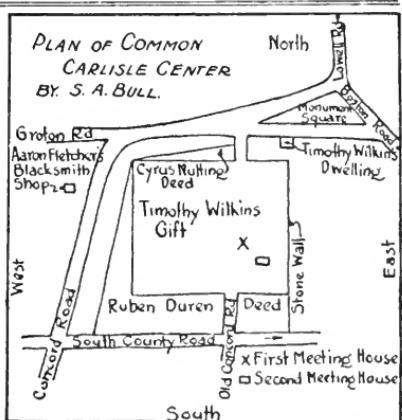


MAP OF CARLISLE TOWNSHIP

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PLAN OF COMMON
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CHAPTER XXI

CARLISLE SOLDIERS IN THE WORLD WAR

FOLLOWING are the names and record of service of soldiers from Carlisle who served in the World War, as compiled by Mrs. Benson P. Wilkins of Carlisle:

Charles A. Carr, Corporal, Co. A, 89th Infantry, 20th Division. Enlisted Aug. 1, 1918; discharged May 1, 1919. Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Served in U. S.: Camp Sevier, four months, Fort Oglethorpe, five months.

Charles S. Davis, Stable Sergeant, Supply Co., 104th Infantry, Co. I, 6th Mass. N. B. Enlisted April 13, 1917; discharged April 28, 1919, Camp Devens, Mass. Served in U. S.: Camp Darling, Framingham, Mass.; Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.; Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Mass.; Camp Hill, Newport News, Va. Served in France: (battles) Chemin des Dames sector, Feb. 8 to March 20, 1918; Bois-Brule offensive, April 10 to 14; Marne salient, Pas Finis sector, July 4 to Aug. 1, 1918; Aisne-Marne offensive, July 18 to 23, 1918; St. Mihiel offensive, Sept. 12 to 15, 1918; Meuse-Argonne offensive, Oct. 14 to Nov. 11, 1918.

Guisippi Donato, Private, F Co., 36th Reg. Infantry. Selective draft induction Aug. 1, 1918; discharged Dec. 1, 1918, Camp Devens, Mass. Served in U. S.: Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., four months.

Roscoe Everett Fadden, Private, 101st Engineer Train. Enlisted June 28, 1916; discharged April 28, 1919. Served in U. S.: Camp Darling, Framingham, Mass.; Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass. Served in France: (battles) Chemin des Dames, Feb. 10 to March 21, 1918;

Toul sector, April 1 to June 26, 1918; Pas Finis sector, July 7 to July 15, 1918; Champagne-Marne offensive, July 15 to 18, 1918; Aisne-Marne offensive, July 18 to Aug. 1, 1918; Rupt sector, Sept. 2 to 12, 1918; St. Mihiel offensive, Sept. 12 to 16, 1918; Troyon sector, Sept. 16 to Oct. 12, 1918; Meuse-Argonne offensive to Nov. 11, 1918.

Ralph A. Gerow, Private, Merchant Marine and Infantry. Enlisted (Merchant Marine), Sept. 13, 1918; selective draft induction, Oct. 23, 1918; discharged Dec. 23, 1918, Camp Dix, N. J. Served in U. S.: Camp Wheeler, Ga., two and one-half months, Camp Dix, N. J., one-half month.

Harold W. Koford, Private, Medical Attachment. In selective draft, Sept. 5, 1918; discharged Jan. 29, 1919, Plattsburg, N. Y. Served in U. S.: Camp at Syracuse, N. Y., one and one-half months, Plattsburg, N. Y., three months.

George Little, Jr., Corporal, Military Police, Mounted Branch. Selective draft induction, July 21, 1918; discharged, Jan. 28, 1919, Camp Devens, Mass. Served in U. S.: Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., six months.

James H. Lovering, Corporal, Coast Artillery Corps, 1st class gunner, Coast Defenses of Boston. Enlisted, Dec. 13, 1917; discharged Dec. 12, 1918, Camp Devens, Mass. Served in U. S.: Fort Andrews, Mass., Fort Banks, Mass., Fortress Munroe, Virginia.

William Mernick, Wagoner, 20th Field Artillery, 5th Division. Selective draft induction, Oct., 1917; discharged July 22, 1919, Camp Devens, Mass. Served in U. S.: Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.; Kelly Field, Texas; Camp McArthur, Texas; Camp Upton, N. Y. Served in England, en route, Luxemburg, five months, Germany, three months, Army of Occupation; France, seven months. (Battles) Verdun, Meuse, St. Mihiel, both defense and

offense, Vosges Mt. and Frapelle. Included in divisional decorations.

Charles Robert Miller, Jr., Corporal, Engineer Truck, Co. 4, 23d Engineers. Enlisted Dec. 7, 1917; discharged July 17, 1919, Camp Devens. Served in U. S.: Camp Humphrey, Va., two months, Camp Lamb, Md., two months. Served in France, sixteen months: (battles) St. Mihiel, Aug. 25 to Sept. 20, 1918; Argonne-Meuse, Sept. 20 to Nov. 11, 1918.

Frank Oscar Miller, Private, 1st class, 42d Brig., Hdq. Co., Coast Artillery Corps. Enlisted July 30, 1918; discharged Dec. 22, 1918, Camp Devens, Mass. Served in U. S., Fort Revere, Deer Island, Mass., two weeks; Fort Andrews, Mass.; Fort Banks, Mass.; Fort Strong, Mass.; Camp Eustis, Va. Special honor: "Sharp Shooters Medal."

Ernest D. Peck, Private, Quartermaster Corps and 40th Co., Depot Brig. Selective draft induction Aug. 8, 1918; discharged Dec. 28, 1918, Scituate, Mass. Served in U. S.: Camp Devens, Mass., three months; Scituate Proving Grounds, two months.

Edwin Petersen, Private, Co. D, 104th Infantry. Enlisted March 28, 1916; discharged April 28, 1919, Camp Devens. Served in U. S.: Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.; Camp Darling, Framingham, Mass.; Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Mass. Served in England and France. (Battles) Chemin des Dames, Feb. 10 to March 21, 1918; Toul sector, April 1 to June 26, 1918; Pas Finis sector, July 7 to 15, 1918; Champagne-Marne offensive, July 15 to 18, 1918; Aisne-Marne offensive, July 18 to Aug. 1, 1918; Rupt sector, Sept. 2 to 12, 1918; St. Mihiel offensive, Sept. 12 to 16, 1918; Troyon sector, Sept. 16 to Oct. 12, 1918; Meuse-Argonne offensive to Nov. 11, 1918. Wounded once, gassed once. Special honors: divisional championship in drill and tournament; also in Lorraine

Battle; regiment received citation; Co. D received two decorations.

John Albert Petersen, Private, Co. D, 104th Infantry. Enlisted March 2, 1917; discharged Feb. 22, 1919, Camp Devens, Mass. Served in U. S.: Camp Westfield, Mass.; Camp Darling, Framingham, Mass.; Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.; Camp Upton, N. Y. and Newport News, Va. Served in France, eighteen months: (battles) Château-Thierry (wounded); Chemin des Dames, Feb. 10 to March 21, 1918; Toul sector, April 1 to June 26, 1918; Pas Finis sector, July 7 to 15, 1918; Champagne-Marne offensive, July 15 to 18, 1918; Aisne-Marne offensive, July 18 to Aug. 1, 1918; Rupt sector, Sept. 2 to 12, 1918; St. Mihiel offensive, Sept. 12 to 16, 1918; Troyon sector, Sept. 16 to Oct. 12, 1918; Meuse-Argonne offensive to Nov. 11, 1918 (nine months at the front). Wounded once. Received regimental citation, Co. D decoration.

Paul Petersen, Corporal, 212th Engineers, 12th Division. Selective draft induction, July 22, 1918; discharged Jan. 22, 1919, Camp Devens, Mass. Served in U. S.: Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., six months.

Oscar E. Pedersen, Sergeant, Co. E, 312th Engineers, Pioneer and Construction Regiment. Selective draft induction, July 26, 1918; discharged June 25, 1919, Camp Dix, N. J. Served in U. S.: Camp Dix, N. J., two and one-half months. Morn Hill, England, ten days. France, Camp Hunt, five months and other smaller places five months.

Raymond Eaton Sargent, Wagoner, 101st Engineer Train. Enlisted April 15, 1917; discharged April 28, 1919, Camp Devens, Mass. Served in U. S.: Camp Darling, Framingham, Mass.; Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass. Served in France: (battles) Chemin des Dames, Feb. 10 to March 21, 1918; Toul sector, April 1 to June 26, 1918; Pas Finis sector, July 7 to 15, 1918; Champagne-Marne

offensive, July 18 to Aug. 6, 1918; Rupt sector, Sept. 2 to 12, 1918; St. Mihiel offensive, Sept. 12 to 16, 1918; Troyon sector, Sept. 14 to Oct. 10, 1918; Meuse-Argonne offensive, Sept. 26 to Nov. 11, 1918.

William R. Schoolcraft, Corporal, 9th Machine Gun Battalion, Co. B, 3d Division. Enlisted July 25, 1917; discharged Feb. 28, 1919, Camp Devens, Mass. Served in U. S. nine months: Syracuse, N. Y., three months; Camp Greene, N. C., five months; Camp Merritt, N. J., Camp Stuart, Norfolk, Virginia. Served in France, nine months: (battles) Château-Thierry, Vesle drive, Metz, Verdun, second Battle of the Marne. Wounded at the Marne (two bullets); at Verdun (two bullets).

Joseph Andrew Sorli, Private, Field Artillery. Enlisted July 10, 1917; discharged Sept. 29, 1917, Camp Curtis Guild (medical discharge, tuberculosis). Served in U. S.: Camp Bartlett, New London, Conn.; Camp Curtis Guild, Boxford, Mass. Not contented to remain out of the army, Mr. Sorli enlisted with the Canadians. His record follows: Joseph Andrew Sorli, Sapper, 13th Canadian Railway Troops. Enlisted Nov. 30, 1917; discharged, April 7, 1919, Montreal, Canada. Served in England, two months. Served in France, thirteen months; participating in all the battles from Amiens, France to Mons, Belgium. Slightly gassed, but recovered without hospital treatment.

Waldo Danforth Wilson, 3d class Cook, Merchant Marine. Enlisted Oct. 11, 1918; discharged May 7, 1919, Boston, Mass. Served in U. S. waters: U.S.S. Meade; U.S.S. Gov. Dingley; U.S.S. Minnesota.



VICTORIA PARK, CARLISLE, ENGLAND



MARKET PLACE, CARLISLE, ENGLAND

CHAPTER XXII

CARLISLE, ENGLAND

“Billerica, Mass., U. S. A., January 16, 1919.
Town Clerk, Carlisle, Cumberland County, England.

My Dear Sir: I am engaged at the present time in writing a history of the town of Carlisle, Massachusetts, which was incorporated as a district in 1754 and as a town in 1805. The name was derived from Carlisle in Cumberland County, England, the birthplace and early home of James Adams, said to have been banished from England by Oliver Cromwell for political offenses about 1640, and who was said to have been the first white man to settle within the limits of this district.

Our Carlisle is not large in territory or in population, including in all about ten thousand acres of land, with a population of five hundred people. It is, however, very prettily diversified with hill and dale, and has for a portion of its eastern boundary the placid Concord River. It is strictly an agricultural community, and is located eighteen miles northwest from Boston.

It was my privilege to live in the town for twenty-two years, during which period I became very much attached to it, and to its people, and carried on while there its principal mercantile business, besides being postmaster for twenty years of the time.

In July, 1878, I passed through your city while making a tour of England and a portion of Europe, and have very pleasant memories of Carlisle as seen from the car window. I am asking if you will not send me a little description of the senior town, its population, industries,

people, location in the beautiful Eden valley, or any interesting information to be incorporated in my history. I shall appreciate the favor, and I know posterity will also. Thanking you in advance, and assuring you I shall be only too willing to reciprocate a similar favor, I am very truly yours,

SIDNEY A. BULL."

In response to the foregoing request, the author received a very courteous letter, and books of information, from which he has gleaned the following historic items.

Carlisle, Cumberland County, England, stands on a gentle eminence almost surrounded by the rivers Eden, Caldew and Petteril, and in the midst of an extensive tract of fertile agricultural country in the north of England, and very close to the Scottish border.

The city is one of great antiquity, and its recorded history is complete since the year 1092. It is the only city in England which bears a purely British name, and in addition is one of the oldest cathedral cities.

Originally a Roman station, it was destroyed by the Danes in 875, and restored by William Rufus, who built the castle in 1092. He, or Henry I, encircled the town with a strong wall, a means of defense, which was later improved by King Stephen.

The town was the scene of many struggles between the Scottish and English forces, and it was after the year 1745 that it was captured by the Duke of Cumberland, and after the final defeat of Prince Charles a number of his supporters were executed and their heads suspended on the city gates.

Carlisle is served by seven of the leading English railways, and has a large and attractive railroad station. A system of electric tram ways, owned by a private com-

pany, provides rapid transit within the city limits. Other municipal utilities, including gas, electricity and water, are supplied by the city; the two former furnish substantial profits, while the rates charged are comparatively low.

There are many prosperous industries established in the city, including large engineering works, textile factories, cotton bleaching, dye works, tin-box making, color printing, flour milling, biscuit works, felt hat works, carpet factory, iron foundries, tanneries, breweries and other lines.

The park is bounded on the north by the River Eden, and is one of the most charming beauty spots to be found. In it is a handsome bandstand, where music is rendered during the summer evenings by the city bands. Centrally located is the city's venerable town hall, which, while possessing no architectural beauty, is enshrined in the memories of all who are natives of, or have long been residents in, the city.

In front of the town hall is a large open space, locally known as the Old Market, and which on Saturdays is covered with stalls arranged with a remarkable assortment of goods and wares for sale. Here also takes place the hiring of agricultural servants, and on hiring days the market presents a wonderfully animated scene.

In 1889 a new market, the finest covered market in the north of England, was erected at a cost of fifty-five thousand pounds. Here all the housewives of the city purchase their butter, eggs, poultry, fruit, flowers, etc., and the streets on market days are thronged with the womenfolk hurrying to and from the market with baskets of all descriptions.

The three principal streets of the city, which branch off from the Old Market Place, are English Street, Seotch Street and Castle Street, each of which is wide and hand-

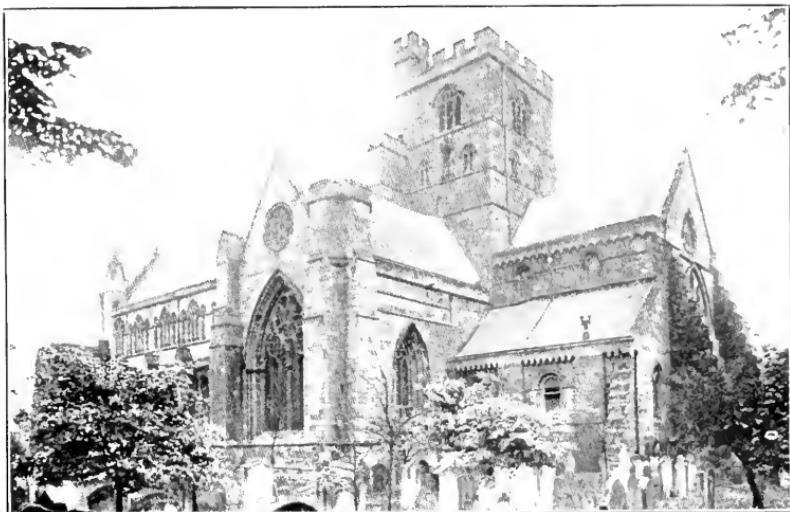
some; the other streets are also airy and well laid out. At the foot of Castle Street is the old castle, already referred to and which is built of red stone. The site of the castle, overlooking the Eden, commands a wide outlook over the adjacent country. It still preserves its military character, being the headquarters of what is known as the Border Regiment, so the visitor must not be surprised to find "Tommy Atkins" very much in evidence.

The cathedral was commenced in 1092, and completed in 1101, since which time many changes have been made. One authority says it "is cruciform in shape, and has a square embattled tower one hundred and twenty-seven feet high rising over the intersection of the cross. The great east window as seen from within has been pronounced by many competent judges the finest decorated window in the kingdom. It measures sixty feet by thirty feet, contains nine lights, and is filled in the head with surpassingly rich flowering tracery; the windows of the side aisles also have a corresponding character."

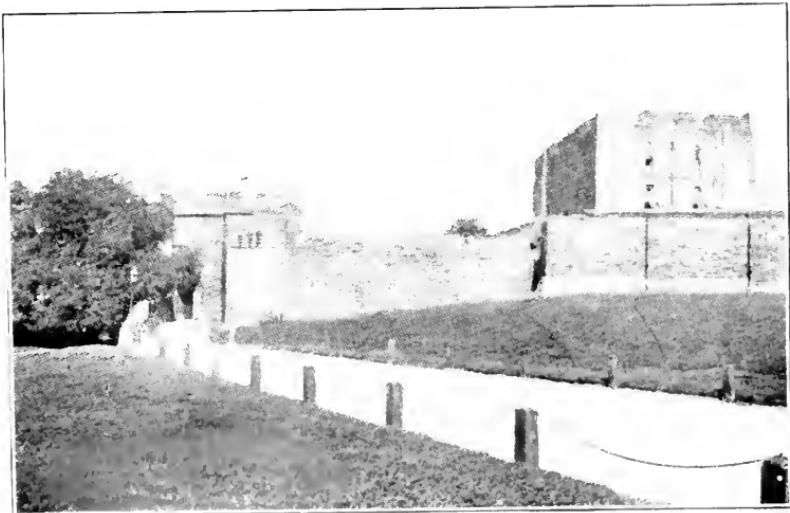
Among the attractions of Carlisle are a well-equipped library with reference and news rooms, an admirably furnished museum and interesting art gallery. The lending library contains twenty thousand volumes, and the reference library over ten thousand.

Carlisle offers great advantages for the education of the children of its residents. The schools are well housed, and have competent supervision. From the elementary schools, children may pass into the secondary schools, and thence on to the universities, under the control of the local education committee.

In conclusion it may be said that the total area of the city is 4488 acres, and the population in 1914 was 52,497. Carlisle is 299 miles north of London. The motto on its coat of arms is, "Be just and fear not."



CATHEDRAL, CARLISLE, ENGLAND



CASTLE, CARLISLE, ENGLAND

“When first I came to merry Carlisle
Ne'er was a town sae sweetly seeming.
The white rose flaunted o'er the wall,
The thistled banners far were streaming.”

CHAPTER XXIII

COLLEGE GRADUATES

THE following is a list of natives of Carlisle who have been college educated; the list may not be complete, although effort has been made to obtain all available records.

Amos Spaulding, son of Zebulon Spaulding of Carlisle, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1805 and settled in Andover, Mass., where he practiced law; for several years he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature, serving in the House and also in the Senate.

Asa Green, son of Zaccheus Green of Carlisle, graduated from Williams College in 1807, and settled in Brattleboro, Vermont, where he practiced law and also had the appointment of postmaster.

Franklin Litchfield, son of Rev. Paul and Mary Litchfield, was born in Carlisle, August 18, 1790, and graduated from Harvard College in 1810. He studied medicine in Charleston, S. C., with the celebrated Dr. Ramsey, and later practiced with marked success in the West Indies. He married a daughter of a prominent family of Caracas, and finally settled at Puerto Cabello, having been appointed United States Consul by President Munroe; his commission was dated December 22, 1823.

William Lambert Russell, son of James and Mary Russell, was born in Carlisle, October 28, 1799, and was educated at the public schools in Concord, the Groton Academy, Westford Academy, and entered Harvard College in 1822, graduating with the class of 1826. He decided to make the practice of medicine his profession,

and entered the office of Dr. Proctor of Lexington as a student, and also studied with Dr. Doane of Boston. After completing his studies he settled in the town of Barre, Mass., in 1831, and for twenty years practiced medicine there and in the surrounding towns. In 1836 he married Mary A. Warren of Hubbardston. Three children, two daughters and one son, were born of this marriage. He lived in Barre until his death on May 6, 1899, at the age of 99 years, 6 months, 8 days.

James Sullivan Russell, brother of William L. Russell, was born in Carlisle, March 23, 1807. His father was a farmer and for the first fifteen years of his life he lived at home, doing the large amount of farm work that was required of the boys in those days, going to school winters, and a few weeks in the summer. Before he was sixteen years of age he went to Concord and began an apprenticeship in a shoemaker's shop, which he completed in a little less than four years. He studied in the schools in Concord, Worcester, and the academy in Woburn, and taught for brief periods in Weston, Worcester, Hingham, Lexington, Arlington and Barre, and in 1833, at the age of twenty-six, entered Brown University. In the spring of 1835 Mr. Russell left Brown, and came to Lowell to teach mathematics at the high school. In 1842 he married Miss Elizabeth C. Bartlett. Four children were born of this union, one son and three daughters. Mr. Russell taught in the Lowell High School for forty-three years. In 1876 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by Brown University. He died at his home in Lowell, January 14, 1903, aged 95 years, 9 months, 22 days.

Albert Nelson, son of Dr. John Nelson of Carlisle, was born March 12, 1812, and graduated from Harvard College in 1832.

Frederick Parker, son of Jonas and Olive Bailey Parker, was born in Carlisle September 2, 1813, and fitted

for college in the adjoining towns, entering Harvard College in 1829, and graduating in 1833 with the degree of A.B. After graduating from college he taught school in Gloucester and Billerica, Mass., and Hallowell, Maine. In 1838 he began the study of law with Hon. Samuel Wells of Hallowell, and in 1839 entered the Harvard Law School at Cambridge, graduating in 1841, with the degree of LL.B. He was a lawyer by occupation, and a dealer in books and engravings, and also was secretary and treasurer of the Harvard Fire Insurance Company. On October 3, 1844, he married Harriet Maria Kimball, of Lowell. Three sons were born to them. Their home was in Lowell, at which place Mr. Parker died on January 29, 1857.

Arthur Graham Robbins, son of George Heald and Mary Heald Robbins, was born in Carlisle, July 11, 1862. He attended the public schools in Carlisle, and graduated from the Westford, Mass., Academy in the class of 1882. He entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1882 and graduated in 1886, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. Since the latter date he has been a member of the instructing staff of the civil engineering department of the Institute as follows: Assistant and instructor, 1886-96; assistant professor, 1896-1906; associate professor, 1906-09; Professor of topographical engineering, 1909. Mr. Robbins was married January 19, 1899, to Sara A. Andrews, of Bridgewater, Mass. They have two children, one son, James M., and one daughter, Helen C., and live now (1920) in Belmont, Mass.

Frank Fletcher Carr, son of Joseph Fletcher and Mary Emeline Pierce Carr, was born in Carlisle, August 18, 1869, attended the public schools in Concord, Mass., and graduated from the Concord High School in 1886. He entered Williams College, graduating in 1890, with

the degree of A.B. He graduated from Harvard Medical School, in 1893, with the degree of M.D., and has since been a practicing physician. During his college course Mr. Carr was a noted athlete. He won the intercollegiate championship in the mile run in 1891, receiving a gold medal. He belonged to the Manhattan Athletic Club of New York City, and competed in many athletic games in all parts of the country.

Walter Albert Carr, son of Joseph Fletcher and Mary Emeline Pierce Carr, was born in Carlisle, January 1, 1875, attended the public schools in Concord, Mass., and graduated from the Concord High School in 1894. He entered Williams College and graduated in 1898 with the degree of A.B. He graduated from Boston University Law School in 1901 and subsequently practiced law; later, because of ill health, he gave his attention to agriculture.

Wilbur Irving Bull, son of John Everett and Susan M. Bull, was born in Carlisle, February 3, 1888. He attended the Billerica, Mass., public schools, graduated from the Billerica Howe High School in 1904, and attended the Lowell High one year, graduating in 1905. He entered Dartmouth College in the fall of 1905, and graduated in 1909, receiving the degree of A.B. In the fall of 1909 he entered the Hartford Theological Seminary, graduating in 1912 with the degree of B.D., and the following year took the seminary post graduate course. Since his graduation from the Theological Seminary he has been pastor of the Congregational Church in Ashland, Maine. Mr. Bull was married September 22, 1915, to Marion L. Randall, of Norwich, Conn., she died January 1, 1916; he was married June 17, 1919, to Anna E. Coffin, of Ashland, Maine.

Fred Parker Nickles, son of Asa Parker and Mary Ellen Nickles, was born in Carlisle, April 22, 1889. He

attended the public schools in Billerica, Mass., entered the Billerica Howe High School in 1902 and graduated in 1906. He entered Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1906 and graduated in 1910. The following fall and winter he tested milk for advanced registry in the employ of the Massachusetts Experiment Station. During January, 1912, he took passage for the Philippines, in the employ of the Bureau of Agriculture of the Philippine Islands, and after more than two years' service there, came home on leave of absence, sailing from Manila, July 28, 1914, and resigned his position October 31, 1914. Mr. Niekles was married April 17, 1919, to Dorothy Colman Little, and is now (1920) engaged in agriculture on the ancestral estate in the easterly part of Carlisle.

Leslie Augustus Bull, son of Sidney A. and Luella M. Bull, was born in Carlisle, August 24, 1888. He attended the public schools in Billerica, Mass., and Los Angeles, California, and entered the Lowell, Mass., High School in 1902, graduating in 1906. He entered Dartmouth College in 1906 and graduated in 1910, with the degree of A.B. In 1910 he entered the Yale Forestry School, receiving instruction in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Arkansas, graduating in 1912. He was married June 18, 1914, to Garaphelia Howard of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and is now (1920) engaged in agriculture in Lexington, Mass. They have two sons, Paul Leslie, born March 30, 1915, and Sidney Howard, born June 6, 1920.

Leila Sawyer Bull, daughter of Sidney A. and Luella M. Bull, was born in Carlisle, November 1, 1890, and attended the public schools in Billerica, Mass., and Los Angeles, California; also the Howe High in Billerica for three terms. She entered the Mt. Ida Young Ladies' Boarding School in 1906, and graduated, receiving her diploma in 1908, and post graduated in 1909. She then entered Lowell High in the fall of 1909 and graduated

in 1911. Miss Bull then studied vocal music at the Mt. Allison College, in Sackville, New Brunswick, one year, and entered the New England Conservatory of Music in 1913, taking the vocal course, and graduating in 1918. For the two years since graduating Miss Bull has been a member of the faculty of Stanstead College, Stanstead, Quebec, instructing in voice culture and piano.

Albert Sidney Bull, son of Sidney A. and Luella M. Bull, was born in Carlisle, January 12, 1892, and attended the public schools in Billerica, Mass., and Los Angeles, California, also the Howe High School in Billerica, for three years. He entered the Lowell High in 1909, graduating in 1911. He entered Dartmouth College in 1911, graduating in 1915, with the degree of A.B., and won his "D" in athletic contests. He is now (1920) a merchant in Billerica, and also conducts a fire insurance agency; for several years has held the office of town clerk.

During the World War Mr. Bull enlisted July 15, 1918, for naval aviation service, and served at the instruction camp at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass., until November 14, same year, when he was discharged because of the close of the war.

CHAPTER XXIV

SURVEY OF COMMON

AT an adjourned meeting of the members of the First Parish Church held in the meeting-house May 17, 1852, action on Art. IV of the warrant was as follows: "Chose B. F. Heald, Thomas Green, William Wilkins, Benjamin Barrett and Stephen Taylor a committee to run and establish the lines and bounds of the Common."

At a meeting of the members of the parish assembled at the meeting-house October 11, 1852, Art. VI in the warrant was disposed of as follows: "B. F. Heald, from the committee chosen to run out the lines of the Common, reported that the committee had attended to the duty assigned them, by employing a surveyor to make a careful survey of the premises according to a plan made in 1799. That by this survey it appears evident that considerable portion of the original grant is covered by the road on the west side, and that nearly one-half of the house and front yard recently occupied by Lucius Stiles stands within the limits of the Common."

EARLY CUSTOMS

The two-wheeled chaise is said to have made its *début* in this locality as a means of locomotion about the year 1800, and the first pastor of the town, Rev. Paul Litchfield, according to tradition, became the owner of one, which he used for pleasure riding, and especially when he and his good wife made their pastoral calls.

Mr. Ai Heald, who died January 9, 1892, aged 79 years, 9 months, 16 days, and was a young lad at the

time, once told the author that his mother upon looking out of the window one day saw the minister and his wife in their new two-wheeled chaise driving toward the house, and she said to him: "The parson and his wife are coming to make a call, and I haven't a bit of spirit in the house; now you take the little brown jug, and go out the back door, and up town to the little red store, and get a quart of rum, and return as quick as your legs will bring you." It was quite a stunt for a small boy, for the store was at least a mile away, but he realized the necessity of speed, and returned in season for his mother to comply with the custom of the times.

The minister and his wife next called at the home of Capt. Paul Forbush, another parishioner living in the easterly part of the town, and Mrs. Forbush happened to be the only member of the family at home, and when it came time for her to perform the customary social duties of a host, she also found the cupboard was dry, and excused herself by saying to her guests that "she was very sorry, but found she had not a bit of liquor in the house"; whereupon the minister replied, "It is just as well, for I was just telling Mrs. Litchfield as we were coming along that I thought we had taken about enough."

Rev. Wilson Waters, in his history of Chelmsford, Mass., speaking of conditions in 1649, says: "Wherever the minister went he felt obliged to drink the glass offered him, and Parson Bridge found it best not to make too many calls in an afternoon." Also he records that "two barrels of cider were provided for the use of the council at the ordination of Mr. Packard in 1793."

CONCORD MONUMENTS

Concord, Mass., one of the mother towns of Carlisle, is a town of great historic interest and has many

historic markers recording early historic events. The oldest of these markers, and the one of greatest historic significance is the monument erected on the old battle ground, about half a mile from the center of the town, on the east bank of the Concord River, which bears the following inscription:

Here
on the 19th of April, 1775,
was made the first forcible resistance to
British Aggression.

On the opposite bank stood the American militia,
Here stood the invading army,
and on this spot the first of the enemy fell
in the war of the Revolution,
which gave Independence to these United States.
In gratitude to God, and in the love of Freedom,
This monument is erected,

A.D. 1836.

It is worthy of note that the contract for erecting this monument above the foundation was awarded to James Warren Wilkins of Carlisle, and that he performed the work during the year 1836, principally by his own personal labor.

If we cross the bridge built by the citizens of Concord to copy the old North Bridge, we come to the beautiful bronze statue of the Minute Man, which rests upon a substantial granite base cut from a quarry in West Carlisle near the Carlisle railroad station.

THE NICKLES CRANBERRY COMPANY

During the year 1903, more than four hundred acres of land located in the northwesterly part of Carlisle were purchased from various owners by the brothers, James W. and W. Clifford Nickles, with the purpose in view of

establishing a cranberry bog. They also purchased certain water rights from the Benjamin F. Butler estate, which allowed a flowage of water from Heart Pond in South Chelmsford. During the following year considerable work was done on the property, and the bog was established. In the year 1905 a wooden building, fifty-eight by sixty-eight feet in size, and four stories high, containing a hot water heating plant, was erected on the property at a cost of nine thousand dollars, to serve as a cranberry house. There is also a caretaker's house on the premises, and three summer cottages on the shore of Heart Pond, one of which was the original Butler Camp, that belong to the property. There are at present (1920) fifty acres of bog in bearing.

Sanding is done periodically as required, varying in time from once in three to six years. The crop is usually ready to harvest early in September, scooping often commencing on Labor Day, and from four to six weeks are required to gather the crop, after which the bog is raked and trimmed. River Meadow Brook runs through the property and supplies the water annually used for winter flowing. This company was incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts in the year 1912, for twenty thousand dollars, having two hundred shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each, and is known as The Nickles Cranberry Company. The present officers are A. G. Bartlett, president, and James W. Nickles, treasurer.

WEATHER PHENOMENA

The year 1816 was called the "cold year," the weather being so cold that there was not sufficient corn ripened for seed the following season. A man by the name of Robbins, who owned a grist mill on a brook that flowed through Smooth Meadow in Carlisle, had some seed corn from the

crop of the previous year; this he would not sell to a person of means, but poor or needy persons he would supply and trust them for it. Mr. Charles Forbush of Carlisle used to hear his mother tell this story, and he told the author in 1918, when he [Mr. Forbush] was seventy-eight years of age.

May 19, 1780, was the "dark day." It began to be dark at 9.30 A.M. and lasted five hours, or until 2.30 P.M. The year above mentioned coincides with the year of incorporation of the second district of Carlisle.

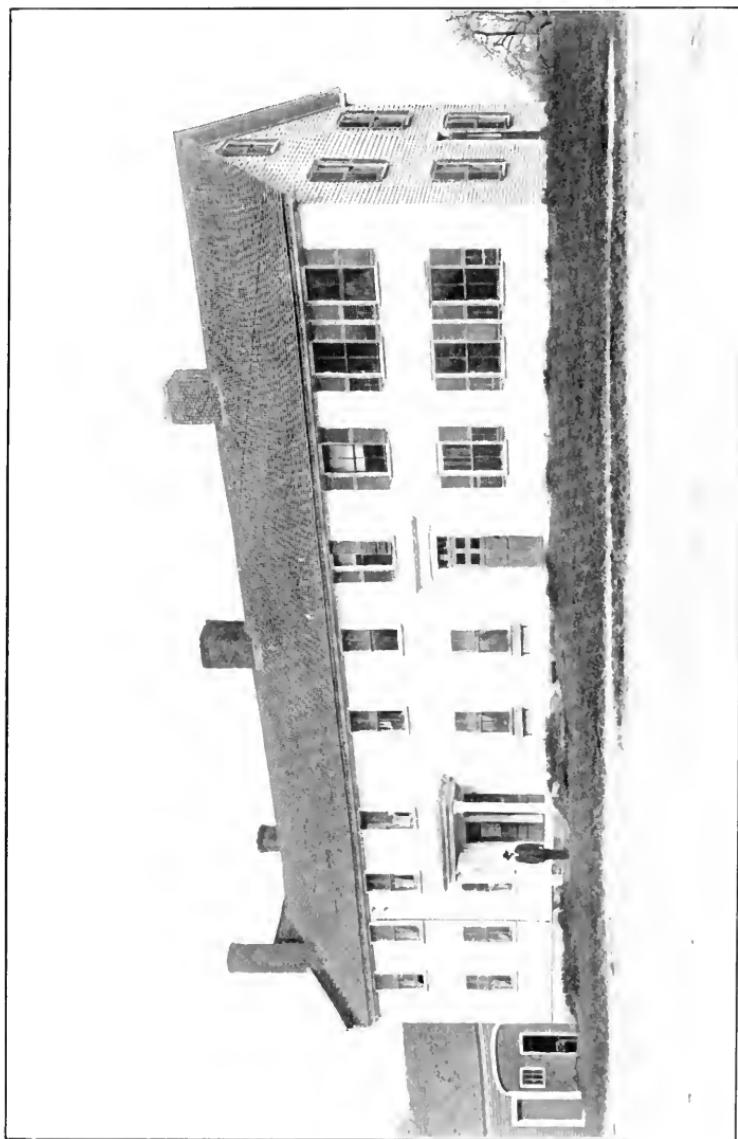
September 6, 1881, was the "yellow day." The author was at that time a storekeeper in Carlisle, and had to light the kerosene lamps in the middle of the day in order to see to write and put up goods. The atmosphere was extremely yellow, and everything looked yellow.

HISTORIES OF CARLISLE

The printed and published historical records of Carlisle previous to the year 1920 are as follows: A history of the town of Concord and four of the adjoining towns, by Lemuel Shattuck, 1835, includes a history of Carlisle. A twenty-page discourse upon the history of the establishment of the First Parish in Carlisle, written and delivered in the First Parish Church on Sunday, February 23, 1879, by Rev. James J. Twiss. A history of Carlisle written by Major Benjamin F. Heald, of Carlisle, for a history of Middlesex County, published by Samuel Adams Drake, 1880. A history of Carlisle written by Sidney A. Bull, of Carlisle, for a history of Middlesex County, published by J. W. Lewis & Company, 1890.

WILD PIGEON

Mr. James Green, late of Carlisle, was an old man when the author went there to reside in 1870, and it



LONG BLOCK, CARLISLE CENTER

was extremely interesting to hear him tell of the immense flocks of passenger or wild pigeon that in the early days frequented this locality during certain parts of the year, and of the method of capturing them with pigeon nets. These birds annually migrated *en masse* in search of food, and a baited pigeon stand personally operated would capture them alive by the hundreds.

They were considered an excellent article of diet, and in the early days the number killed was only what sufficed for home needs; each family had pigeon pie and salted down a few barrels of the bodies, but as transportation facilities improved, they became an article of commerce, and were killed indiscriminately.

Audubon records that in 1805 (which was the year that Carlisle became a town) he saw schooner loads of them at the wharves in New York City, that had been caught up the Hudson River, and were offered for sale at one cent each. This persistent slaughter, and cutting down the nut trees and forests, that furnished them food and shelter, has without question caused the species to become extinct.

LONG BLOCK

A large, long residence building in the center of Carlisle, known as "Long Block" has several owners, and probably has been a landmark there for more than one hundred years. It is capable of accommodating several families, and in earlier days contained a hall where dances and gatherings of various kinds were assembled. At present it is used solely for residential purposes, and is rather an unusual structure to find in these latter days.

CHAPTER XXV

EPITAPHS FROM CENTRAL BURYING GROUND

Erected to the memory of
REV. PAUL LITCHFIELD
Pastor of the church in Carlisle for the space of
forty-six years and deceased
Nov. 5, 1827, Aet. 75

With a firm discriminating mind, zealous for the distinguishing doctrines of revelation, he stood fast in one spirit, striving for the faith of the gospel.

In memory of MARY LITCHFIELD
Daughter of the Rev^d Paul Litchfield and Mrs. Mary
his wife
who died Sept. 27th, 1790
Aged 3 years, 5 months & 15 days
Little children come here & learn,
That death may cut you down while young.

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. MARY, WIFE OF REV. PAUL LITCHFIELD
who died July 27, 1809, Aet. 60

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

The price of a virtuous woman is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her. She openeth her mouth in wisdom, & in her tongue is the law of kindness, her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also & he praiseth her, favor is deceitfull & beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

In memory of MR. ROLAND LITCHFIELD
who died Sept. 2, 1841
Aet. 60

Dearest Partner thou hast left us,
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God that hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

Erected in memory of
MR. TIMOTHY WILKINS
who died Feb. 5, 1820
Aet. 88

Though greedy worms devour my skin,
And gnaw my wasting flesh
When God shall build my bones again
He'll doth them all afresh.

Erected in memory of
MRS. MARY WILKINS
wife of Mr. Timothy Wilkins
who died Jan. 28, 1820
Aet. 83

My flesh shall slumber in the ground,
'Till the last trumpet joyful sound;
Then burst the chains, with sweet surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise.

Sacred to the memory of
MR. TIMOTHY WILKINS
who died April 28, 1812
In the 54th year of his age
Thou dear departed soul adieu
Thy lifeless clay must here remain
'Til Christ this body shall renew
Then both with joy shall meet again.

Erected in memory of
 M^{rs}. LUCY WILKINS
 widow of Mr. Timothy Wilkins, Jr.
 who died Aug. 18, 1821

Aet. 56

Here in the silent grave I lie
 No more the scenes of life to try
 And you dear friends I leave behind
 Must soon this gloomy mansion find.

LIEUT. ISAAC WILKINS
 died January 10, 1826

Aet. 93

MARY WILKINS
 died Feb. 6, 1806

Aet. 59

wife of Lieut. Isaac Wilkins
 As you are now so once was I
 As I am now, so you must be
 Prepare for death & follow me.

In memory of
 MRS. MARGARET WILKINS
 wife of Lieut. Isaac Wilkins
 who died Feb. 21, 1790

Aged 48

My friends draw near & drop a tear
 Here my poor body lies
 This is the bed to rest my head
 Till Christ shall bid me rise.

In memory of
 LIEUT. DANIEL WHEAT
 who died Jan. 17, 1827

Aet. 72

Thy gentle spirit now is fled,
 Thy body in its earthly bed
 Is laid in peaceful sleep,
 A spirit good and pure as thine
 Blest in immortal scenes can shine
 Though friends are left to weep.

In memory of
 MRS. BETSEY
 wife of Lieut. Daniel Wheat
 who died Nov. 14, 1809

Aet. 70

Behold the sad impending stroke,
 Which now arrests our eyes;
 The silken band of union broke
 A tender mother dies.

In memory of a son and daughter of
 Mr. Nathaniel and Mrs. Thankful Hutchinson

JOSEPH

died April 30, 1804
 aged 6 years, 4 months & 9 days

THE DAUGHTER

was born and died Sept. 29, 1793
 Behold a little prattling boy
 His father's hope his mother's joy
 Why should he make so short a stay
 To steal our hearts & run away?

Sacred to the memory of
MR. NATHANIEL TAYLOR
who died Aug. 7, 1795
Aet. 65

While o'er my grave you stand & see
Remember you must follow me.

Sacred to the memory of
WIDOW ESTHER TAYLOR
wife of Mr. Nathaniel Taylor
who died Aug. 8, 1809

Aet. 75

Friends nor physician could not save
My mortal body from the grave.

LIEUT. JAMES RUSSELL
died Aug. 17, 1801
Aged 78

LYDIA POTTER
wife of Lieut. James Russell
born June 7, 1733
died Nov. 17, 1826
Aet. 93 yrs., 5 mo. & 10 days

In memory of
MR. THOMAS SPAULDING
who died August 13, 1795
Aged 88

An honest man, a good neighbor, a plain hearted
reprover.

Memento Mori
 In memory of
 M^{rs}. THOMAS SPAULDING
 who departed this life Oct^r y^e 17th 1788
 Aged 81 years, 3 months and 16 days
 Hark from ye tombs a doleful sound
 My ears attend the ery
 Ye living men come view the ground
 Where you must shortly lie.

Erected in memory of
 D^{ea}. EPHRAIM ROBBINS
 who died July 29, 1820
 Aet. 62

Erected in memory of
 MRS. SIBBIL ROBBINS
 widow of D^{ea}. Ephraim Robbins
 who died Sept. 4, 1821
 Aet. 59

In memory of
 MRS. MARY ROBBINS
 relict of Ens. Jonas Robbins
 who died April 6, 1794
 Aged 75

Erected in memory of
 MRS. SARAH ROBBINS
 wife of Deacon John Robbins
 who died July 13, 1819
 Aet. 69

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Erected in memory of
CAPT. AARON ROBBINS
 who died July 26, 1821

Aet. 40

We mourn thy sudden swift remove
 From earth and all enjoyment here.
 When Christ commands we must obey
 Without a murmur or a tear.

Erected in memory of
LIEUT JOHN ROBBINS
 who died August 5, 1812

Aet. 34

He left us it was God's holy will,
 His worth we never can prize;
 Submission bids us to be still,
 And dry our weeping eyes.

In memory of
CAPT. STEPHEN BLOOD
 who died July 6, 1836

Aet. 65

This is the bed to rest my head
 Till Christ bids me arise.

Erected in memory of
MRS. MEHETABLE BLOOD
 wife of Capt. Stephen Blood
 who died Dec. 8, 1819

Aet. 46

Affliction sore long time I bore
 Physicians ware in vain
 Till death did seize and God did please
 To ease me of my pain.

Sacred to the memory of
LIEUT. NATHANIEL PARKER
 who died Oct. 17, 1802, Aet. 56
 Death is a debt to nature due
 Which I've paid & so must you.

Erected in memory of
MRS. OLIVE PARKER
 wife of Major Jonas Parker
 who died Jan. 16, 1817
 Aet. 38

Erected in memory of
MR. REUBEN DUREN
 who died May 20, 1819
 Aet. 51

The die is cast, my hope, my fear
 My pain, my joy lies buried here,
 And read'r you ere long must try
 This dreaded change as well as I;
 Nor can a c'urteous Ghost reveal
 What I have felt, and you must feel.

Erected in memory of
MRS. SUSANNA DUREN
 wife of Mr. Reuben Duren
 who died Nov. 20, 1821
 Aet. 48

Sacred to the memory of
LIEU. BENJAMIN FOSTER
 who died Aug. 2, 1819
 Aet. 30

Belov'd till life could charm no more
 And lov'd till Christ shall thee restore.

Erected in memory of
 M^r. SOLOMON ANDREWS
 Who departed this life in
 Full assurance of A better.

Sept^r y^e 18th 1778
 Aged 79 years

Sacred to the memory of
 JOHNATHAN HEALD, ESQ.
 who died Dec. 28, 1816
 Aet. 59

In memory of
 LIEUT. SILAS HEALD
 June 21, 1811
 Aet. 51

Erected in memory of
 MR. DAVID PARLIN JR.
 who died July 19, 1803
 Aged 37

Retire my friends dry up your tears
 Here I must lie till Christ appears.

EPITAPHS FROM GREEN CEMETERY

AI WHEAT
 died Mar. 10, 1844
 Aet. 42

It is well with me why dost thou weep,
 As thou saw thy lov'd one in his last long sleep,
 As thou, lingerest to gaze on my dwelling of clay
 Forgetting my spirit in his white array.

IRENE G.

wife of Ai Wheat

died June 11, 1858

Aged 51 yrs., 8 mos.

“Sweet spirit thou hast soared from earth,
And seraphs hail thy heavenly birth;
Thou will one guardian angel be,
Until we rise to dwell with thee.”

HON. AMOS SPAULDING

Died November 6, 1865

Aet. 76 yrs. & 11 mos.

ZEBULON SPAULDING

Died Feb. 18, 1854

Aet. 74

DORCAS P.

His wife

Died Mar. 19, 1825

Aet. 44

DOROTHY B.

His 2nd wife

Died June 9, 1880

Aet. 82

SEALAR SIMONS

Sept. 22, 1803

Sept. 30, 1894

CLARISSA SIMONS

Aug. 29, 1810

Apr. 7, 1855

In memory of
DEA. JOHN JACOBS
who died June 27, 1841
Aet. 82

In memory of
MRS. MABLE
wife of Dea. John Jacobs
who died Dec. 26, 1838
Aet. 75

In memory of
MRS. MARIA
wife of Mr. John Jacobs Jr.
who died June 16, 1827
Aet. 25

In memory of
MR. ZACHEUS GREEN
who departed this life Jan. 1st, 1802
Aged 70 years.

In memory of
MRS. ELIZABETH GREEN
wife of Mr. Zacheus Green
who departed this life Oct. 27, 1785
Aged 40 years.

Memento Mori
Erected in memory of
LIEUT ASA GREEN
who departed this life March 28th, 1785
Aged 41 years 6 months and 3 days.

In memory of
MRS. ABI GREEN
wife of Lieut. Asa Green
who died April 9, 1793
Aged 49 years, 1 month & 17 days.
Death is a debt to nature due
Which I have paid & so must you.

In memory of
CAP^r. JOHN GREEN
who died March 21, 1793
Aged 85 years, 6 months & 27 days.
Though not till ninety some retire
Yet monuments around declare
How vast the number who expire
While youth & beauty promise fair.

In memory of
M^{rs}. MARTHA GREEN
wife of Cap^t. John Green
who died Aug. 9th, 1792
Aged 83 yr^s. 9 months & 29 days

ISAIAH GREEN
Died May 4, 1855
Aet. 83

HANNAH
wife of Isaiah Green
died Mar. 23, 1845
Aet. 69

HANNAH L. C.

Daughter of Isaiah and Hannah Green

Died March 8, 1897

Aged 90 years, 2 mos & 23 dys.

A Generous Benefactress of her native place.

LOIS GREEN

died May 25, 1854

Aet. 94

Erected to the memory of

MR. NATHAN GREEN

who died Sep. 18, 1818

Aet. 83

Frail as the leaves that quiver on the spray
Like them man flourishes like them decays.

Erected in memory of

MRS. LOIS GREEN

widow of Mr. Nathan Green

who died March 10, 1821

Aet. 83

Here in the silent grave I lie
No more the scenes of life to try.

ASA GREEN

Died Apr. 13, 1853

Aged 82

There is a world above

Where parting is unknown

A long eternity of love

Form'd for the good above

And faith beholds the dying here

Transplanted to that glorious sphere.

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. ESTHER
wife of Mr. Asa Green
who died Sept. 18, 1826
Aet. 51

In memory of
MR. SAMUEL GREEN
who died Jan. 29, 1829
Aet. 30

And now shall thy dust return to the earth
Thy spirit to God who gave it.
Yet affection shall tenderly cherish thy worth
And memory deeply engrave it

Erected in memory of
MR. NATHAN GREEN JR.
who died June 24, 1818
Aet. 55

Like brilliant stars his virtues glowed
While from his lips wise counsel flowed
But when the close of life he knew
Smiling he bade this world adieu.

In memory of
MRS. SARAH
wife of Mr. Nathan Green Jr.
who died Jan. 10, 1833
Aet. 61

In memory of
MR. LEONARD GREEN
who died Sept. 26, 1838
Aet. 78

On earth according to his light
He aimed to practice what was right,
Hence all his errors are forgiven
And Jesus welcom'd him to heaven.

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. THANKFUL GREEN
wife of Mr. Leonard Green
who died May 6, 1815
Aet. 55

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. LYDIA
wife of Mr. Leonard Green
who died April 29, 1826
Aet. 57

Sacred to the memory of
MR. SAMUEL GREEN
who died Feb. 22, 1816
Aet. 76

Sacred to the memory of
MRS. REBEKAH GREEN
wife of Mr. Samuel Green
who died April 7, 1817
Aet. 75

In memory of MR. JEFFERSON GREEN
who died March 26, 1832
Aet. 30

In memory of
MR. SILAS GREEN
who died March 13, 1833
Aet. 59

In memory of
MRS. ELIZABETH
wife of Mr. Silas Green
who died April 10, 1836
Aet. 61

CYRUS GREEN
Died Feb. 1, 1855
Aged 55

Sacred to the memory of
MR. EPHRAIM GREEN
who died Nov. 10, 1824
Aet. 24 yrs. & 1 m.

DEA. JOHN GREEN
Died April 26, 1858
Aged 88 yrs., 7 mos. & 29 days
To seek or party his large soul
Disdained to be confined
The good he loved of every name
And prayed for all mankind.

Erected in memory of
MRS. MARY GREEN
wife of Dea. John Green
who died Oct. 26, 1817
Aet. 47
The memory of the just are blessed.

ANNA S.
wife of Dea. John Green
died Sept. 11, 1865
Aet. 83 yrs., 2 mos.

JOSEPH W. GREEN
Died June 15, 1893
Aged 64 yrs., 8 mos.

MARTHA A
wife of J. W. Green
Died November 9, 1857
Aet. 25 yrs., 7 mos.

TILLY GREEN
Died Aug. 22, 1863
Aet. 83

PATTY
wife of Tilly Green
Died Sept. 9, 1849
Aet. 69

BENJAMIN
son of Tilly & Patty Green
Died Jan. 16, 1859
Aet. 45 years, 5 mos. & 13 days

SERLINA G. RICHARDSON
1827 — 1914

Erected in memory of
MR. PAUL FORBUSH
who died Sept. 24, 1830
Aet. 58

In memory of
HANNAH
wife of Paul Forbush
who died Dec. 27, 1851
Aet. 73

STEPHEN FARRAR
Died June 14, 1848
Aged 84 yrs., 4 mos., 5 days

LUCY
His wife
Died Feb. 9, 1843
Aged 70 yrs., 2 mos.

WILLIAM FARRAR
Died Mar. 22, 1880
Aged 77 yrs., 8 mos., 5 dys.

LYDIA G.
His wife
Died Sept. 27, 1881
Aged 70 yrs., 9 mos., 12 dys.

MYRANDA DUTTON
killed at the battle of Dallas, Ga., May 25, 1863
Aet. 42 yrs., 1 mo.
A member of Co. H., 33 Reg. Mass. Vol.

MARY M. DUTTON
wife of Myranda Dutton
Died Dec. 15, 1866
Aet. 48 yrs., 4 mos., 12 dys.

In memory of
 MR. JONAS MUNROE
 who died Sept. 21, 1840
 Aet. 84

In memory of
 MRS. SARAH
 wife of Mr. Jonas Munroe
 who died July 20, 1828
 Aet. 69

MISS SARAH MONROE
 Died Sept. 5, 1869
 Aet. 79 yrs.

REUBEN MONROE
 June 2, 1788 — July 30, 1852

REBECCAH MONROE
 May 12, 1788 — Mar. 16, 1871

In memory of
 MRS. ELIZABETH PARLIN
 who died April 15, 1837
 Aet. 86

In memory of
 ASA PARLIN, ESQ.
 who died Oct. 28, 1822
 Aet. 68
 His mind was tranquil
 No terror, in his looks was seen
 His Saviour smil'd dispel'd the gloom
 And smoothed his passage to the tomb.

In memory of
MRS. SARAH PARLIN
wife of Asa Parlin, Esq.
who departed this life Nov. y^e 16, 1785
In the 22 year of her age

In memory of
MRS. SUSANAH
wife of Mr. Asa Parlin, Esq.
who died Jan. 10, 1834
Aet. 79

In Memory of
MR. ABRAHAM TAYLOR
who died Nov. 9, 1833
Aet. 70

My Saviour calls and I must go,
And leave you here my friends below;
But soon my God will call for thee,
Prepare for death and follow me.

In memory of
MRS. FRANCIS
wife of Mr. Abraham Taylor
who died Oct. 4, 1827
Aet. 55

Farewell my friends and children dear
I leave you all behind
Unto the God of Israel's care
Who's merciful and kind.

In memory of
MR. NATHANIEL TAYLOR
who died July 23, 1837
Aet. 36

FANNY
 wife of Nathaniel Taylor
 Died Oct. 26, 1865
 Aet. 63 yrs., 11 mos. & 18 days
 Our Mother

FRANCES MARIA MANNING
 Daughter of N. & F. Taylor
 March 29, 1829
 Feb. 7, 1907

STEPHEN TAYLOR
 Died May 27, 1879
 Aged 73 yrs., 1 mo., 20 days
 Rest on thy Sheaves
 Thy harvest work is done.

EMELINE PARKER
 wife of Stephen Taylor
 Died Sept. 3, 1898
 Aged 86 yrs., 7 mos., 17 days

STEPHEN PARKER
 Son of Stephen & Emeline Taylor
 died Sept. 16, 1860
 Aet. 16 yrs., 5 mos.
 No more with us his tuneful voice
 The hymn of praise shall swell
 No more his cheerful heart rejoice
 When peals the Sabbath bell.

In memory of
MR. NATHAN TAYLOR
who died June 25, 1838
Aet. 24

Sudden He was called to go
And bid adieu to all below
Sudden the vital spirit fled
And he was numbered with the dead.

ARTEMAS PARKER
1815 — 1900

SARAH A.
His wife
1821 — 1892

ROLAND LITCHFIELD
1781 — 1841

REBECCA SIMONDS
his wife
1805 — 1889

WILLIAM F.
son
1837 — 1914

MARY B.
DAU.
1839 — 1854

PAUL LITCHFIELD

Died Jan. 21, 1849

Aet. 28 yrs., 7 mos. & 22 days

Some happy years, of happy birth

Were spent by me with friends on earth

Altho I'm gone to worlds unknown

I hope to meet you all again.

NATHANIEL HUTCHINSON

died Dec. 3, 1841

Aged 77

THANKFUL

wife of Nathaniel Hutchinson

died June 22, 1840

Aet. 76

ISAAC DUREN

Born June 6, 1795

Died May 27, 1835

MARY BLOOD

wife of Isaac Duren

Born Nov. 12, 1796

Died Mar. 12, 1873

MARY E.

Daughter of Isaac & Mary Duren

Died Apr. 24, 1843

Aet. 24 yrs.

SUSAN M.

Daughter of

Isaac & Mary Duren

Died Sept. 20, 1844, Aet. 24 yrs.

THOMAS PAGE
Died August 22, 1860
Aet. 76 yrs., 8 mos. & 12 days

BETSY
wife of Thomas Page
Died March 12, 1867
Aet. 81 yrs., 8 mos. & 12 days

BENJAMIN BARRETT
Born July 31, 1797
Died March 10, 1873

MARY A.
wife of Benj. Barrett
died Sept. 4, 1854
Aet. 59

SABRA N.
his wife
Born April 30, 1818
Died Nov. 9, 1901

In memory of
MR. PHINEAS BLOOD
who died May 22, 1832
Aet. 36

In memory of
MRS. RUIHANNAH
wife of Mr. Varnum Nickles
formerly wife of Mr. Phineas Blood
who Died Sept. 14, 1841
Aet. 43 years.

In memory of
M^{RS}. SIMON BLOOD JUN.
who died No^v. 7th, 1793
in y^e 47th y^r of his age

His generous Donations to public uses do honor to
his memory & will preserve his name to posterity

In memory of
MR. SILAS BLOOD
who died Sept. 6, 1818
Aet. 26

In memory of
MR. ABEL BLOOD
who departed this life Sept. 12th, 1803
Aged 32 yrs.

Erected in memory of
MRS. SUSANNA BLOOD
wife of Mr. Abel Blood
who died Dec. 30, 1818
Aet. 42

In memory of
MR. PHINEAS BLOOD
who died Apr. 29, 1830
Aet. 81

In memory of
MRS. SARAH BLOOD
wife of Mr. Phineas Blood
who died Nov. 20, 1831
Aet. 80

In memory of
THANKFUL A. G.
wife of Nathan Buttrick, Jr.
who died March 26, 1838
Aet. 20

JOSIAH HODGMAN
Died Jan. 14, 1852
Aged 52

Death thou has conquered me,
I by thy dart am slain;
But Christ has conquered thee
And I shall rise again.

LUCY
wife of Josiah Hodgman
Died Jan. 25, 1874
Aged 81 yrs.

Weep not children for your mother
She has gone far far above;
Far away from sin and sorrow,
To the home of joy and love.

EZEKIEL NICKLES
Died March 16, 1853
Aet 75

My friends draw near and ponder here
My body's in this grave;
And if you have a moment's time
Pray God your soul to save.

REBEKAH
wife of Capt. Ezekiel Nickles
died April 28, 1864
Aet. 89 yrs., 3 mos. & 17 days

VARNUM NICKLES

Died Mar. 17, 1847

Aet. 37

'Twas in a moment I was called,
To appear before my God;
Leaving my child and all friends dear,
To seek my last abode.

ARTEMAS SKELTON

Died Jan. 31, 1871

Aged 76 yrs., 8 mos. & 10 days

MARY

Wife of Artemas Skelton

Died Mar. 6, 1873

Aged 72 yrs., 8 mos. & 23 days

AMOS H. NUTTING

Died Jan. 4, 1846

Aet. 60 yrs.

HANNAH

wife of Amos H. Nutting

Died Nov. 12, 1852

Aet. 63 yrs.

Erected in memory of
MR. JAMES WILKINS
who died April 13, 1825
in his 58 year

HANNAH
wife of Calvin Stevens
formerly wife of James Wilkins
died Feb. 8, 1852
Aet. 83

JOHN WILKINS
Died April 10, 1825
Aged 36 yrs.

SARAH
his wife
died May 23, 1861
Aged 72

JOHN B. WILKINS
Died August 25, 1871
Aged 60 yrs., 4 mos.

TIMOTHY WILKINS
1820 — 1900

P. N. ROBBINS
His wife
1832 — 1861

E. J. D. SARGENT
His wife
1835 — 1888

WILLIAM WILKINS
Died March 23, 1857
Aged 63

MARY
wife of William Wilkins
Died Sept. 19, 1863
Aet. 66

FATHER
JAMES W. WILKINS
Died Jan. 24, 1876
Aged 72

MOTHER
HANNAH P.
wife of James W. Wilkins
Died Dec. 31, 1863
Aged 60

EPIRAIM ROBBINS
Died Nov. 9, 1880
Aged 84

ANNA
wife of Ephraim Robbins
Died Feb. 15, 1861
Aged 64

JOHN D. ROBBINS
Died Oct. 14, 1858
Aet. 49 yrs. & 6 months

CAROLINE LAKIN
wife of John D. Robbins
Died Aug. 27, 1890
Aet. 82 yrs., 4 mos.

G. MARIA ROBBINS
Died Jan. 23, 1887
Aged 46 yrs., 8 mos.

SAMUEL H. ROBBINS
March 7, 1830
Dec. 14, 1903

CHARLOTTE E. ROBBINS
May 10, 1839
April 29, 1903

Mus'n
JNO. ROBBINS
17 Mass. Inf.

SARAH HELEN
wife of John Robbins
died Oct. 27, 1856
Aet. 24

BETSY LAKIN
Died Aug. 17, 1871
Aet. 88 yrs., 1 mo.

In memory of
CAPT. SAMUEL HEALD
who died May 11, 1829
Aet. 86

Erected in memory of
MRS. MARY HEALD
wife of Capt. Samuel Heald
who died Oct. 21, 1822
Aet. 77

CAPT. THOMAS HEALD
Died April 20, 1873
Aged 78

BETSEY A.
wife of Capt. Thomas Heald
died Oct. 31, 1857
Aged 64

JONATHAN HEALD
Died Oct. 13, 1858
Aet. 73 yrs.

BETSEY
wife of Jonathan Heald
Died Feb. 7, 1855
Aet. 67
Our mother sleeps.
When will the morning come?

OTIS NICKLES
A member of 7th Battery Light Art., Mass. Vols.
Passed to spirit land at New Orleans, La., July 16, 1864
Ae. 44 years

LAVINA
his wife
Passed to spirit land May 7, 1889
Ae. 63 yrs., 2 mos., 26 dys.

SYBEL G.
wife of B. F. Blaisdell Jr.
1871 — 1916

HARRIS BINGHAM
Died Aug. 9, 1876
Ae. 80

EMILY
His wife
Died July 26, 1863
Ae. 67

JAMES GREEN
Died July 29, 1875
Aet. 84 yrs., 9 mos. & 9 days

LOIS
wife of James Green
Died March 10, 1865
Aet. 73 yrs., 1 mo.

SARAH B.
wife of James Green
Died July 7, 1883
Aged 66 yrs.

JOEL BOYNTON
Died April 24, 1887
Aged 77

GILBERT W. PAGE
Feb. 9, 1837
May 12, 1907

SARAH A.
his wife
Jan. 2, 1844
Nov. 1, 1893

JOHN TAYLOR
Died May 26, 1850
Aged 37

MARIA L.
wife of Prescott Nickles
former wife of John Taylor
Born Aug. 22, 1818
Died Nov. 20, 1906

PRESCOTT NICKLES
Died Jan. 9, 1884
Aged 69 yrs., 11 mos.

A. WARREN MONROE
1827 — 1868

MARY E.
His wife
1823 — 1915

WILLIAM M. PARKHURST
died May 27, 1890
Aged 73 yrs., 8 mos., 24 days

S. ELIZABETH
his wife
Died June 3, 1891
Aged 69 yrs. 4 mos.

CAPT. H. W. WILSON
June 30, 1847
June 5, 1917

NATHANIEL HUTCHINSON
1820 — 1901

His wife
MARTHA A. DUREN
1822 — 1900

CHARLES T. WORTHLEY
1837 — 1913
Co. G., 47 Regt., Mass. Vols.
1862

JAMES W. WILKINS
Sept. 19, 1836
Feb. 28, 1903

MAJOR JONAS PARKER
Born July 28, 1782
Died June 2, 1866

ANNA
his wife
Born Sept. 12, 1787
Died Mar. 24, 1872

ISAAC A. BLAISDELL
Died June 22, 1889
Aged 74 yrs., 1 mo., 7 dys.

SUSAN G.
his wife
Died July 15, 1895
Aged 76 yrs., 8 mos., 8 dys.

BENJ. F. BLAISDELL
Died Feb. 23, 1901
Aged 57 yrs., 1 mo., 13 dys.

ELLA I.
his wife
Died Sept. 7, 1872
Aged 24 yrs., 9 mos., 7 dys.

EBENEZER CHAMPNEY

Born Mar. 4, 1808

Died Apr. 16, 1882

SARAH

wife of Ebenezer Champney

Died June 26, 1873

Aged 63

CAPT. PAUL GREEN FORBUSH

Died April 26, 1885

Aged 83 yrs., 5 mos.

OLIVE

wife of Capt. Paul G. Forbush

Died June 15, 1874

Aged 75 yrs.

EMMA L. FORBUSH

1846-1905

JOSIAH HODGMAN

June 30, 1833

July 14, 1892

MARIA BINGHAM

His wife

March 9, 1835

April 8, 1900

EZRA PAGE

Died Feb. 6, 1897

Age 70 yrs., 7 ds.

LUCY A.

wife of Ezra Page

Died Apr. 24, 1896

Age 68 yrs., 2 mos., 4ds.

EDWARD S. HUTCHINS
1831 — 1900
Co. G., 47th Mass. Vols.
SARAH
his wife
1835 — 1878

LOWELL STEARNS
Died April 21, 1877
Aged 57 yrs., 1 mo.
His wife
ESTHER M. G.
Died Jan. 10, 1895
Aged 64 yrs., 3 mos.

GEORGE W. WILKINS
Feb. 26, 1827 — Jan. 22, 1911
LUCY JANE
His wife
June 7, 1826 — Oct. 25, 1896

WILLIAM G. HEALD
1802 — 1878
His wife
HANNAH PAGE NUTTING
1817 — 1893

CHARLES GREEN
June 30, 1800
Feb. 16, 1843

LYDIA HASTING
His wife
May 3, 1809 — Dec. 23, 1883

HANNAH RUSSELL
wife of Jesse Green
and Stephen Blood
July 25, 1771 — Jan. 17, 1868.

ELIZABETH A.
Dau. of C. & L. Green
May 5, 1832 — Dec. 24, 1919.

ALBERT BOYNTON
1812 — 1886

MARY BOYNTON
1816 — 1879

CAPT. LEVI S. HUTCHINSON
Died Dec. 5, 1881
Aet. 78 yrs., 9 mos.

LAVINA H.
wife of Levi Hutchinson
Died Sept. 8, 1874
Aet. 76 yrs.

CHARLES H. HUTCHINSON
1835 — 1912
SUSAN M.
His wife
1836 — 1909

CAPT. AARON FLETCHER
Died Feb. 9, 1867
Aged 89 yrs., 2 mos. & 22 dys.

SALLY FLETCHER
Died July 26, 1874
Aged 92 yrs., 8 mos., & 14 dys.

JOANNA ADAMS
Died Feb. 7, 1895
Aged 72 yrs., 3 mos., 3 dys.

HENRY SPAULDING
Born July 25, 1815
Died Aug. 10, 1884

HARRIET B.
wife of Henry Spaulding
Born Aug. 16, 1823
Died Dec. 17, 1883

EDWARD J. CARR
July 23, 1843
Aug. 9, 1906

JOHN P. DAVIS
Died July 6, 1914
Age 84 yrs., 5 mos., 8 dys.

CAPT. THOMAS GREEN
Died Sept. 15, 1864
Aged 69

LUCINDA
his wife
Died Mar. 13, 1840
Aged 45

MARIA F.
his wife
Died Jan. 10, 1897
Aged 85

JOHN Q. A. GREEN
Died Oct. 10, 1907
Aged 81 yrs.

SARAH
wife of John Q. A. Green
Died Dec. 31, 1873
Aged 46 yrs.

NATHANIEL A. TAYLOR
Aged 53 yrs.

AMANDA E.
wife of Nath. A. Taylor
Aged 34 yrs.

SAMUEL E. SCOTT
Aged 60 yrs.

LOUISA E.
wife of S. E. Scott
Aged 30 yrs.

MARY G.
wife of S. E. Scott
Aged 69 yrs.

ASA NICKLES
Died Aug. 15, 1884
Aged 65 y's, 11 m's

OLIVE
wife of Asa Nickles
Died Jan. 14, 1899
Aged 73 y's, 3 m's

CALVIN HEALD
Died May 14, 1870
Aged 71 yrs.

MARY C.
wife of Calvin Heald
Died Mar. 16, 1885
Aged 83 yrs.

HIRAM W. BLAISDELL
Oct. 1, 1817 — Jan. 18, 1893

SUSAN A. SKELTON
His wife
Mar. 1, 1824 — July 12, 1903

AUSTIN MARSH, M.D.
Sept. 15, 1811 — Feb. 3, 1900

MARY W. SKELTON
His wife
June 15, 1818 — Jan. 7, 1903

ASA PARKER NICKLES
Jan. 20, 1850 — Feb. 22, 1919

His wife
MARY ELLEN
July 25, 1855
March 25, 1905

JOHN H. DUREN
June 11, 1857
Apr. 15, 1904

MINNIE H. BROCK
formerly wife of John H. Duren
Mar. 14, 1861
Apr. 8, 1917

WILLIAM GREEN
Born Dec. 4, 1803
Died June 4, 1887
Aged 83 yrs., 6 mos.

HARRIET P.
his wife
Born Apr. 5, 1813
Died Feb. 11, 1888
Aged 74 yrs., 10 mos., 6 days.

GEORGE S. SKELTON
Born Sept. 3, 1827
Died Mar. 14, 1885

MARTHA J.
his wife
Born Jan. 25, 1842
Died April 25, 1909

EPHRAIM DAVIS
1823 — 1866

REBECCA
wife of
EPHRAIM DAVIS
Died Sept. 11, 1856
Aet. 31 yrs., 11 mos., 21 ds.

LYDIA A. DAVIS
his wife
1827 — 1883

GEORGE F. DUREN
1817 — 1894

LUCY A. F. DUREN
1822 — 1905

MARY F. MELVIN
1865 — 1909

HERMON LESLIE DUREN
1852 — 1919

ISAAC F. DUREN
1844 — 1912

MARY
his wife
1850 — 1917

ANNIE M.
wife of George N. Dunn
1851 — 1892

Father
EPHRAIM HEALD
Died May 13, 1874
Aged 81 yrs.

Mother
BETSEY
his wife
Died April 18, 1881
Aged 79 yrs., 3 mos.

GEORGE TAYLOR
1848 — 1908
SARAH ISABELLE RUSSELL
his wife
1848 — 1912

ABEL TAYLOR, JR.
Died Dec. 16, 1887
Aged 82 yrs., 7 mos., 13 dys.

AURELIA S.
wife of Abel Taylor, Jr.
Died Dec. 29, 1882
Aged 73 yrs., 2 mos., 20 dys.

JAMES TAYLOR
Died Sept. 24, 1874
Aged 54 yrs., 8 mos.

MARIA
wife of James Taylor
Died Feb. 25, 1911
Aged 87 yrs., 2 mos., 18 dys.

ARTEMAS TAYLOR
Apr. 1, 1841
May 18, 1892

His wife
FRANCES TAYLOR
Nov. 25, 1849
Jan. 30, 1892

HUMPHREY PRESCOTT
1814 — 1892

MARTHA M.
his wife
1820 — 1848

MARY T.
his wife
1817 — 1905

AMOS ADAMS
1821 — 1910

MARIA J.
his wife
1823 — 1892

HERVEY BINGHAM
Died Feb. 6, 1894

M. JENNIE BINGHAM
Died Oct. 14, 1907

FRANK S. BARTLETT
1850 — 1919

1820 DANIEL HARDY 1872

His wife
1823 JOANNA B. PULSIFER 1912

JOHN C. BLAISDELL
July 31, 1855
Jan. 9, 1910

HATTIE J.
his wife
Nov. 21, 1867
March 5, 1902

ELMON B. ROSE
Born Jan. 10, 1842
Died Sept. 14, 1917

GEORGE McCRADY
1860 — 1916

PETER RILEY
15 Mass. L. A.

ANDREW CONANT
1840 — 1916

ANNA MARIA
His wife
1851 — 1916

MARSHALL M. MASON
Feb. 21, 1831 — May 1, 1907

CLARISSA E.
his wife
Feb. 18, 1838 — Aug. 7, 1917

SEBRA DUNHAM BARTLETT
Died July 6, 1905
Aged 80 yrs., 4 mos., 8 dys.

His wife
MERCY VIRGINIA
Died Nov. 20, 1909
Aged 83 yrs., 11 mos., 20 dys.

PAUL F. LITCHFIELD
Born Oct. 12, 1833
Died Dec. 23, 1900

SARAH E. CARTER
wife of Paul F. Litchfield
Born Apr. 6, 1835
Died Feb. 27, 1910

WINFIELD S. RICKER
1846 — 1917

His wife
ATTIE A. HARVEY
1849 — 1916

AMOS K. BALDWIN
1822 — 1906

MARY A. BALDWIN
1827 — 1913

BENSON McDONALD
Died Jan. 28, 1907
Aged 42 yrs., 6 mos., 18 dys.

JAMES W. JOHNSON
1846 — 1912

Mother
AMANDA JOSEPHINE BURKETT
March 5, 1857
April 17, 1919

MARY FRANCES WILSON
wife of Alvah D. Boynton
1851 — 1918

GEORGE H. WILSON
Died June 25, 1897
Aged 38 yrs.

LILY WILSON BURRELL
April 21, 1867
May 12, 1911

TIMOTHY ADAMS
Feb. 26, 1831 — July 15, 1900

ASA DUREN
1821 — 1902

SARAH
his wife
1838 — 1911

1820 HORACE N. WILSON 1903

1828 SYBEL His wife 1903

HENRY KENISTON
1818 — 1890

ANN E. STONE
His wife
1838 — 1889

ELIZABETH E. H.
wife of Rev. S. W. Banister
Dau. of Hon. B. & C. H. Stevens
died July 21, 1850
Aged 31

THOMAS A. GREEN
Died May 24, 1881
Aged 54 y's, 7 m's

MARY S.
wife of Marshall Lee
Feb. 7, 1839
Jan. 2, 1899

ANNA M.
wife of William Lee
Oct. 27, 1839
Nov. 25, 1897

EDWARD E. WILKINS
Nov. 23, 1827
May 22, 1894

BRIDGET
his wife
June 17, 1832
June 9, 1815

ARTEMAS HILL
Died May 13, 1880
Aet. 70 y'rs, 7 m's

BETSEY R.
wife of Artemas Hill
Died Nov. 27, 1866
Aet. 54 yrs., 5 mos.

W.M. BLOOD
A member of Co. C, 16 Reg., Mass., Vols.
Killed at 2d Bull Run, Aug. 29, 1862
Aged 16

JNO. N. BLOOD
Co. C, 16 Mass. Inf.

ANDREW J. WILKINS
Born Dec. 4, 1821
Died Oct. 30, 1901

MAJ. BENJAMIN F. HEALD
Died July 27, 1892
Aged 83 years

SUSAN
wife of Maj. B. F. Heald
Died May 7, 1889
Aged 73 years

REV. JAMES T. POWERS
Died Dec. 17, 1888
Aged 63 years

AI HEALD
Died Jan. 9, 1892
Aged 79 yrs., 10 mos.

LURANAH G.
wife of Ai Heald
Died May 31, 1877
Aged 72 yrs & 2 mos.

GEORGE P. NICKLESS
Apr. 5, 1843
Oct. 19, 1884

SARAH A. NICKLESS
Aug. 21, 1850
Aug. 24, 1916

GEORGE M. LITCHFIELD
April 14, 1844
May 5, 1913

CLARA LITCHFIELD
Jan. 3, 1848
Dec. 11, 1898

WM. A. PRESCOTT
1857 — 1914

MARY C. ADAMS
His wife
1855 — 1909

J. ADOLPHUS SCOTT
1824 — 1861

EMILY F. JONES
Formerly his wife
1832 — 1900

ASA NICKLES
Died Aug. 15, 1884
Aged 65 yrs., 11 mos.

OLIVE
Wife of Asa Nickles
Died Jan. 14, 1899
Aged 73 yrs., 3 mos.

BENJAMIN FOSTER
Died Aug. 12, 1839
Ae. 78

SARAH
His wife
Died July 7, 1857
Ae. 90

SEBINA EASTMAN
Born in Amherst, Mass.
Sept. 28, 1778
Died Nov. 6, 1855

CHAPTER XXVI

BIOGRAPHY

SOLOMON ANDREWS

THE ancestor of the Carlisle Andrews was Solomon Andrews, who moved to Carlisle from Chebacco (Ipswich) on ox sleds about 1765. He and his sons cleared the land and settled on the site now known as the Captain Page Farm. Soloman Andrews is buried in the Old Cemetery at Carlisle Center with a stone having the following inscription:

“In memory of
SOLOMAN ANDREWS
who departed this life in full assurance of a better
Sept. ye 17, 1778
Aged 79 years.”

Of his ten children, all born at Chebacco, two sons settled in Carlisle, to have descendants, Edmund Andrews, b. Jan. 9, 1741; Issachar Andrews, b. Dec. 25, 1744. Issachar inherited his father's farm (Captain Page Farm) and Edmund purchased an adjoining farm, which land is now (1920) owned by Chester Duren.

Edmund Andrews was a constable in Carlisle, 1784, and highway surveyor 1787. He served in the Revolution in Capt. Abishai Brown's company in Col. Josiah Whitney's Massachusetts Regiment. He was great-grandfather of Mrs. George E. French, who now lives on the Captain Page Farm. Issachar Andrews, who also settled in Carlisle, was a lieutenant in Capt. Samuel Heald's company and later was made a captain. He was selectman and assessor 1781-84, grand juryman 1783, tithing-

man 1787. He was great-grandfather of Miss Grace Taylor, who was born in Carlisle and is now a teacher in Lowell.

MRS. GEORGE E. FRENCH.

REV. PAUL LITCHFIELD

Perhaps no name is more strongly identified with the early history of Carlisle than that of Litchfield. On the seventh of November, 1781, there came to this beautiful little hilltop town a young man who had just graduated from Harvard University, to be ordained as the pastor of the Orthodox Church. The Reverend Paul Litchfield was born in Scituate, Mass., March 12, 1752. He was the son of Thomas Litchfield, a descendant of Lawrence Litchfield, of whom colonial records say: "he was in Barnstable where he bore arms in 1643." From Barnstable he went to Scituate to settle permanently, and from this source springs practically every branch of the Litchfield family in America. It may be assumed, therefore, that the forebear of the Litchfield family in America was this same Lawrence Litchfield, who must have come over from England with the Puritans, and very likely for the same reason, ergo, to escape the religious persecutions of that time. Hence it can be easily established that the origin of the Litchfield family is antedated in New England by but few if any.

The ramifications of this family are many and interesting. That they were prolific in progeny is evidenced by the statement of Deane, in his history of Barnstable, that "no family in this country has increased to a greater extent." In fact, at the present day around Scituate and in its neighboring towns the name of Litchfield is about as often encountered as that of the famous Crowell family on Cape Cod.

The Rev. Paul Litchfield took up his duties in Car-

lisle at a time when the new-born republic was battling for its life. The United States was just coming into being, and the country and the people were in a state of great impoverishment. There was little silver and gold, and colonial currency had not yet reached any degree of circulation. The farmers of Massachusetts, among whom this young collegian was settling, were men of thrift, of honesty, of capacity, of the best English stock, but they were poor. It may be assumed therefore, that this young minister of God was confronted with a problem that might well daunt the strongest of hearts. It is known, though, that he met his difficulties with the proper spirit and carried on his pastorate with success. A little way to the north of the village he established his home, a substantial colonial house, built after the fashion of the times, of hewn timbers, mortised joints, and with a solid foundation. There it stands today, overlooking the rolling land to the reaches of the Concord, a view unsurpassed, and which must have furnished many a moment of inspiration to the cultivated mind of such a man.

The coming of a college-bred man to a community such as Carlisle was in those days must have been an event, for education was not common as we know it to-day, and a knowledge of Latin and Greek and the classics was a passport to the highest circles, as well as a demand for the respect and deference of others.

It is a matter of regret that no likeness, not even a silhouette, of the Rev. Paul Litchfield is in existence. A description of this man, who was undoubtedly a figure of considerable prominence in his time, can be but vaguely given. It is believed that he was a slender, rather delicate, scholarly man, with gentle manners and a soft voice. Of his pulpit oratory there is no doubt that it was commensurate. Many of his sermons and papers were lost when the homestead passed out of the family some thirty years

ago. It would have been fortunate, indeed, if they had been preserved, as a means of throwing light upon his character.

The pastorate of the Rev. Paul Litchfield, like that of most of the ministers of the gospel of that period, extended through the duration of his life. He died November 5, 1827, aged 75 years, 7 months and 13 days.

While it is not the purpose of this sketch to go largely into the genealogical records of the Litchfield family, it will perhaps be of interest to give brief mention of those descendants of Paul Litchfield who were identified with Carlisle. The family records state that the Rev. Paul married Miss Mary Bailey of Scituate, but no date of the marriage is given; probably immediately after his graduation from Harvard College. To them were born the following children; Mary B., Paul, Roland, Benjamin, Philo and Franklin.

Mary Bailey Litchfield, wife of Rev. Paul Litchfield, died July 27, 1809, at the age of 59. Afterward the Rev. Paul took a second wife, Sarah Capron of Braintree.

Of the sons of the Rev. Paul, the last named, Franklin, graduated from Harvard College in the class of 1810, and entered at once upon a brilliant career. He studied medicine in Charleston, S. C., with the celebrated Dr. Ramsey, and afterwards practised with "distinguished success in Jamaica and other places in the West Indies." He married a daughter of a prominent family of Caracas, de Senha. He warmly espoused the cause of freedom in South America from the yoke of Spain, and was largely responsible for the successful revolutions that established the independence of Colombia, Venezuela and other states. He settled finally at Puerto Cabello, where he was appointed United States Consul by President Munroe, his commission being dated December 22, 1823. The exact date of his death is not at hand.



CAPTAIN THOMAS GREEN



Another son, Roland, remained on the homestead. He married Rebecca Simonds, and to them were born four children. Three sons, Paul Franklin, William Francis and George; the daughter, Mary Bailey, died in young womanhood. Of these sons, William was a Civil War veteran. After the war William went to New Mexico and Arizona, where he identified himself with gold mining. Paul Franklin and George remained on the farm. George finally settled in Lexington, where he engaged in the ice business. Paul Franklin settled in Lowell, where he was for many years a well-known business man.

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CAPT. THOMAS GREEN

The Greens were in Carlisle at an early date. John Green, a hatter, son of Samuel and Martha Green of Malden, married Martha Hunt of Concord, and lived in the center of Concord, but later sold out and moved to the southeast part of Carlisle, and had six children; John², born June 7, 1730; Zacheus, born March 6, 1731/2; Samuel, born Sept. 15, 1739; Nathan, born Aug. 3, 1735; Asa and Sarah.

John², the eldest son, married Elizabeth Spaulding of Concord, had six sons: Leonard, born Nov. 11, 1760; Jesse, born Aug. 25, 1762; Reuben, born July 7, 1767; Deacon John, born July 27, 1769; Amos, born March 5, 1772; Calvin, born June 3, 1775.

Leonard, the eldest son of John², after his father's death bought the farm from his heirs and built a house on the opposite side of the road. The farm is known at the present time as the Morton Green place. The old house stood until about 1870.

Thomas, the third child of Leonard and Thankful Eastherbrooks, was born June 20, 1795. He spent his

early life upon his great-grandfather's farm. During the War of 1812 he enlisted and spent three months at Fort Warren. Thomas married Lucinda Wheat of Carlisle, March 16, 1820, and occupied the "long block," where he kept store. Had one son, George Washington, born Sept. 16, 1827. His wife died March 13, 1840; he married for his second wife Maria Forbush of Carlisle, Dec. 22, 1840, and moved to the old homestead, which place he had bought previously. Had four children: Lucinda Maria, born May 13, 1842; Leonard Morton, born Oct. 28, 1843; Eliza Jane, born Feb. 27, 1846; Thomas Albert, born March 4, 1849.

Capt. Thomas Green, as he was known, was closely identified with the interests of Carlisle. Twenty-four years he was town treasurer, giving up the office on account of sickness; he filled the offices of selectman, assessor and overseer at different times. For two terms he served as Representative at the General Court. He was an attendant and supporter of the First Religious Society; and in his will left a legacy for the support of preaching. A short time before his death he bought his uncle's place, Deacon John Green's, in the center of Carlisle, and made extensive repairs with the expectation of occupying it himself, but was taken sick and never left the old home place. He died Sept. 15, 1864, at the age of 69 years.

After the death of Capt. Thomas Green, his widow remained on the home place for five years; during the time her two daughters died, Eliza Jane, Oct. 19, 1866, at the age of 20 years, Lucinda Maria, March 5, 1869, at the age of 26 years.

Jan. 1, 1870, Leonard Morton married Ella H. Buttrick and settled on the home place, it having been willed to him by his father. The widow and the younger son, Thomas Albert moved to the Deacon John Green



HOME OF CAPTAIN THOMAS GREEN

place. Mrs. Thomas Green died Jan. 10, 1897, at the age of 85 years.

Mrs. MARY A. GREEN.

JOHN DANA ROBBINS

The town of Carlisle has the distinction of being the birthplace and late home of one of the largest men physically in the State and probably in the country, in the person of John Dana Robbins, born April 6, 1809, on what is now generally known as the Deacon Samuel B. Chamberlain place in the westerly part of the town. He was the son of John and Jane Templeton Robbins, and was six feet and two inches tall, and weighed four hundred and fifty pounds.

On April 22, 1826, he married Caroline Lakin; they were the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters: John, Samuel Heald, Paulina Nickles, Mary Hunt, Charles Harrison, Georganna Maria and Daniel Webster. Mr. Robbins always resided in the west part of the town and by occupation was a farmer. He died Oct. 14, 1858, aged 49 years, 6 months, 8 days, and was buried in Green Cemetery in his native town.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HEALD

Benjamin Franklin Heald was born in the original Heald homestead, where his father and grandfather were born, in the south part of Carlisle, Oct. 25, 1809, and was the son of Thomas and Abi Heald. He attended the public schools in Carlisle and Lowell, and the academy in Westford, Mass. On Jan. 14, 1838, he was united in marriage with Miss Susan P. Kimball, and was subsequently engaged in the pursuit of agriculture at or near the place of his birth. Ten children, seven sons

and three daughters, were born of the union, as follows: Thomas H., Angeline, Timothy W., Austin Marsh, Benjamin Franklin, Susan Adeline, Charles, George C., Imogene B., and Washington Irving.

In polities Mr. Heald was a Democrat, and was usually looked upon as a leader and councilor in the principles of the party by his townsmen of the same persuasion. In his earlier years he taught school in Carlisle, Chelmsford and Concord, and for several years was chairman of the Carlisle School Board, also at various times he held elective town offices, prominent among which was that of selectman, which office he held for seven years. He was a constant attendant and supporter of the First Religious Society in Carlisle, and for many years held the office of parish clerk.

At twenty years of age Mr. Heald identified himself with the state militia, and received the commission of ensign, Aug. 21, 1830, which position he held until April 19, 1834, when he was discharged by reason of his resignation. On May 5, 1835, he was commissioned as captain, which office he held until May 16, 1836, when he was commissioned major, serving in the third division of the third regiment of the First Brigade, M. V. M.; this position he held until by general orders he was discharged April 24, 1840.

Mr. Heald represented his town in the State Legislature as a member of the House of Representatives in the year 1848. In 1880 he wrote a history of Carlisle for Drake's History of Middlesex County.

Mrs. Heald died May 7, 1889, and Mr. Heald died in Somerville July 27, 1892; the interments in both cases were in the family lot in Green Cemetery in Carlisle, where at the east entrance is the symmetrical Heald memorial, erected by their son, Benjamin Franklin 2d, in respect to their memory.



MAJOR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HEALD



DR. AUSTIN MARSH

Austin Marsh, born Sept. 15, 1811, was a descendant of William S. Marsh, who came with his brother John from England and settled in Connecticut. He was one of nine children, and the youngest of seven sons born to Elias and Anna Marsh of Sharon, Vermont. His father was the first male child born in that town, and in consideration of the event was presented by the town with a grant of one hundred acres of land. His mother had seven brothers, three of whom were Congregational ministers. The eldest, Samuel Wood, at one time taught school, and Daniel Webster was one of his pupils.

Austin Marsh attended the public schools of Sharon, and took an advanced course at Royalton Academy under Prof. Perley Sprague, a popular educator, and a year later studied with his eldest brother, Rev. Joseph Marsh, by whose advice he took up the study of medicine, beginning with Dr. Smalley of Randolph, Vt., and later with Dr. Converse of Strafford, and finally graduated from Dartmouth Medical College in 1835 and received his medical degree.

Dr. Marsh opened an office in Lowell and met with marked success in his profession, but in consideration of the urgent request of Rev. Preserved Smith of Carlisle, and of other inhabitants of the town, he was persuaded to move there, which he did in 1838. On July 14, 1839, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary W., daughter of Dr. Benjamin Skelton of Pelham, N. H., the ceremony being performed by Rev. U. C. Burnap of the Appleton Street Congregational Church of Lowell. On July 31, 1839, Dr. Marsh became a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Marsh, Mary Amanda, Palmer Austin and Susie S.; the latter became the wife of Mr. Arthur Morse, and died July 26,

1891. Dr. Marsh when but nineteen years of age taught school, and later taught one term in Carlisle.

He and his wife and family had the confidence and were held in great esteem, not only by the townspeople, but by all who knew them. He served the town as selectman, town clerk and school committee, and his service as town physician for a term of sixty years would be hard to parallel. Dr. and Mrs. Marsh passed the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding quietly in their home Friday, July 14, 1899. Because of the doctor's feeble health, the family requested that there be no formal observance. Dr. Marsh died Feb. 3, 1900, as the clock struck twelve, ushering in the new day, aged 88 years, 4 months, 19 days, and was the oldest living member of the Massachusetts Medical Society at the time of his decease.

GEORGE FREDERICK DUREN

George Frederick Duren, son of Isaac and Mary (Blood) Duren was born in Carlisle April 13, 1817. Mr. Duren always lived at the ancestral home, which had been in the family name for three generations. Reuben was the first and was classed among the early settlers of Concord, which for many years included this town. He was succeeded by his only son Isaac in the family possession, who was followed by his only son, George Frederick. Mr. Duren possessed many of the sterling traits of his father and grandfather; he enjoyed the confidence of his fellow townsmen and held every town office except that of treasurer. He held the commission of justice of the peace from 1853 to 1894, having been first appointed by Governor Gardner; he took the undertaker business from his father in 1835, which he kept until 1894.

July 6, 1843, George F. Duren and Lucy A. F. Pease, of Wilton, Maine, were united in marriage, by Rev. James



DR. AUSTIN MARSH



Means, in Concord. Six children were born to this worthy couple; four lived to grow up and were married: Isaac F. married Mary Lewis of Lunenburg; Hermon L. married Lottie Lewis of Lunenburg; George R. married Marie Ouilette of Lowell; and Mary F. married John Melvin of Concord. George R. is the only surviving child. Four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are lineal descendants. On July 6, 1893, one of those rare but always pleasing events, a golden wedding, took place at the Duren home. A large company of relatives and friends kept the worthy couple busily employed during the entire afternoon in acknowledging warm greetings and congratulations: in the evening a pleasing program of music and readings was given, thus bringing the happy occasion to a close. Mr. Duren passed away the following year on May 18, at the age of 76 years. Mrs. Duren lived until March 7, 1905; her age was 82 years, 10 months and 17 days.

JOANNA (PARKER) GLEASON

Mrs. Joanna (Parker) Gleason was born in Carlisle, Dec. 11, 1819, daughter of Major Jonas and Anna (Adams) Parker. She came of Revolutionary stock. Her father attained the rank of major in the army, having served several enlistments, and was stationed at Fort Warren, Boston harbor, when the British were attempting to enter. He is credited to Chelmsford, as Carlisle was not incorporated at that time. After the war he served the town of Carlisle as a member of the board of selectmen for a period of eight years. Her grandfather, Capt. Timothy Adams of Chelmsford, also had a good military record. He was in the battle at Bunker Hill and subsequently served other enlistments.

Mrs. Gleason began keeping school in Carlisle at fourteen years of age and subsequently taught in Concord

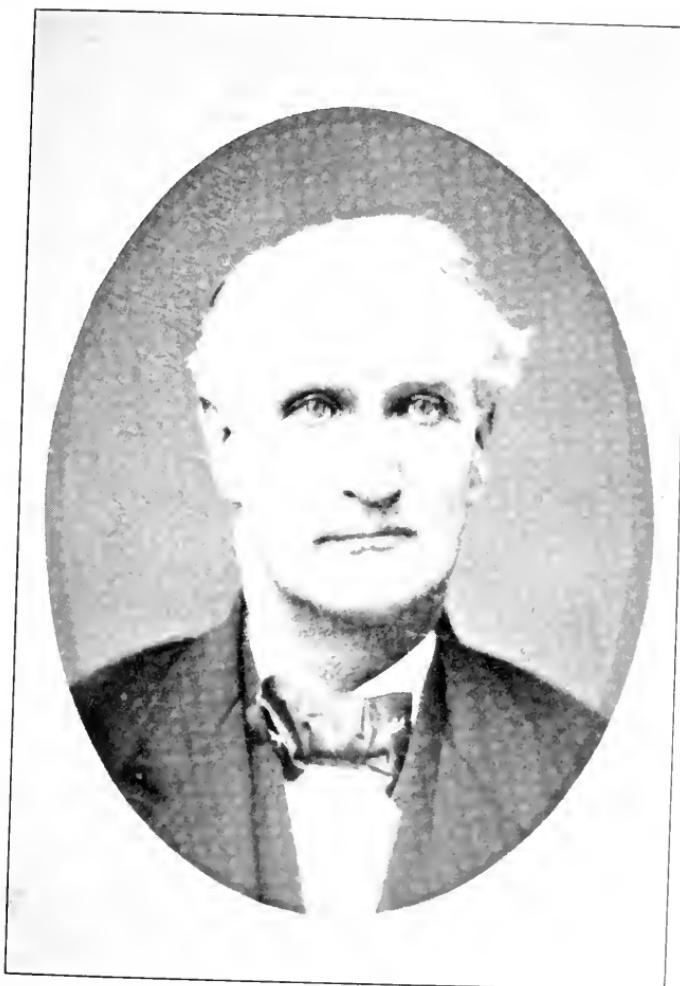
and Billerica, having in all ten terms of experience in teaching the old-fashioned summer schools. As one memorial of this service she possessed a certificate for teaching signed by the late Ralph Waldo Emerson, chairman of the Concord School Committee, dated April 30, 1836.

She was married to Mr. John Gleason in the year 1858, and they lived on her home place in Carlisle until the year 1872, when they moved to Sudbury, where they later purchased a dwelling which they occupied until their decease.

Mrs. Gleason was very generous in disposing of the larger portion of her property (estimated to have been upward of forty thousand dollars) before her death. She gave for worthy objects in her native town of Carlisle, as well as in her adopted town of Sudbury. Both of these towns will revere her name for her liberal donations, an account of which appears elsewhere in this work.

Mrs. Gleason died Friday, Oct. 16, 1896, at her home in Sudbury, aged 76 years, 10 months, 5 days. The funeral was Monday, Oct. 19, at her late home. Rev. W. G. Seaman of the local Methodist church was the officiating clergyman. The town of Carlisle contributed a large open floral book, with the word "Rest" of purple immortelles on one page, as a token of esteem; a number of the townspeople were in attendance at the funeral. During the hour of the funeral service, the schools in Carlisle observed a memorial service in her honor, listening to a sketch of her life and benevolences, and extracts from letters written by her. The interment was beside the remains of her late husband, near the entrance to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Sudbury, on a slightly eminence, indicated by a beautiful granite monument enclosed in a lot with granite curbing.

The buildings on the old home place in the easterly



GEORGE FREDERICK DUREN



part of Carlisle were burned within a short time after Mr. and Mrs. Gleason vacated them in 1872. The cellar hole alone remains, looking desolate and lonely, around which the writer in travelling that way once saw four foxes sporting about, and so the scene changes. The farm, which at one time was cultivated and productive, is now either woodland or pasture.

JOHN PROCTOR DAVIS

John Proctor Davis, a life-long resident and honored citizen of Carlisle was born Jan. 28, 1830, on the farm which was his home during his entire life. His only occupation was farming. His mother, Rebecca Proctor, was born and always lived in Carlisle. His father, John Davis, came here when a young man, from Hancock, N. H., his ancestors having gone there from Concord, Mass.

Mr. Davis married, Sept. 25, 1860, Lucretia Stearns of Billerica, and their union was blest with eleven children, six sons and five daughters, of whom one died in infancy. All the others lived to mature years. The children were:

1. Mary Rebecca, born Feb. 9, 1862, died July 1, 1909.
2. Palmer John, born Jan. 28, 1864; married May 23, 1906, Nettie Maria Wheeler.
3. George Perry, born March 30, 1866; married Dec. 31, 1896, Lilla Mowatt. Children: (1) Charles Sidney, born Nov. 6, 1897; (2) George Clayton, born July 18, 1899; died, April 5, 1900; (3) Irene Hazel, born Nov. 16, 1900.
4. Martha Elizabeth, born Nov. 13, 1867; married Jan. 12, 1911, John Melvin.
5. Alden Reed, born April 22, 1870; married Oct. 30, 1895, Lucy Wellington Roby. Children: (1) John Alden, born April 30, 1897; (2) Leonard, born May 12, 1900, died May 15, 1900; (3) Sterling Roby, born July 22, 1901.

6. Lizzie Jane, born April 16, 1872, died May 3, 1872.
7. Sarah Lane, born March 4, 1873.
8. Emma Stearns, born Jan. 4, 1875; married Oct. 13, 1897, Herbert Page Dutton. Children: (1) Mabel Lucretia, born July 31, 1898; (2) Francis Hiram, born Nov. 2, 1900; (3) Onslow Stearns, born Dec. 23, 1902; (4) Raymond Herbert, born June 1, 1905; (5) George Wallace, born Oct. 22, 1907; (6) Warren Edward, born Sept. 28, 1913.
9. Albert Wright, born Aug. 30, 1877; married April 12, 1905, Edith Luella French.
10. Austin Howard, born Aug. 30, 1877; married April 30, 1902, Josephine May MacDonald. Children: (1) Donald Austin, born July 23, 1904; (2) Williard Grant, born Aug. 9, 1906; (3) Norman Elliot, born June 22, 1908; (4) Ruth, born Sept. 22, 1915.

11. Sidney Augustus, born March 28, 1880; married Oct. 29, 1902, Carrie Hilda Hanson. Children: (1) Ralph Sidney, born July 21, 1904; (2) Eva Gladys, born April 12, 1907; (3) Evelyn Marion, born Aug. 7, 1911, died Sept. 16, 1912; (4) Richard Stearns, born March 21, 1914.

The old homestead was a long, low, old-fashioned house, and in this the family lived until 1878, when the present fine set of buildings was erected. Mr. Davis was a member of the Congregational Church and of the Middlesex North-West Temperance Association, and was always intensely interested in their work. He was very conscientious and honest in all his dealings, and was often elected to town office, serving the town as a member of the school committee, and as assessor of taxes, also holding the office of selectman for a period of ten years. He was a man of rugged constitution and enjoyed good health until a few months before his decease, which occurred Monday July 6, 1914, at the advanced age of 84 years, 5 months and 8 days. The funeral services were



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held from his late home on the following Thursday. Rev. P. A. Job, pastor of the Congregational Church, of which he was a member, officiated. A quartet sang "Gathering Home" and "God's Ways are Best." Four of his sons served as bearers. Many friends and neighbors gathered to honor his memory and the beautiful flowers that they contributed evidenced the esteem in which he was held.

GEORGE HEALD ROBBINS

Ephraim Robbins, son of Ephraim and Sibyl (Spaulding) Robbins, was born in Carlisle May 3, 1796, and died Nov. 18, 1880, and was one of a family of four children. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and at the academy in Westford, Mass. On Dec. 13, 1821, he was united in marriage to Ann Lovjoy, and they became the parents of a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, as follows: Ephraim Oscar, born Oct. 22, 1822, died Sept. 19, 1903; Malvina Ann, born July 14, 1824, died April 1, 1915; Sibyl Spaulding, born April 16, 1826, died May 1, 1882; John Nelson, born June 30, 1827, died May 21, 1831; George Heald, born Sept. 17, 1830, died April 24, 1919; Henry Clay, born June 27, 1836.

The children were all born on the old ancestral farm in the northerly part of Carlisle, which was originally a part of the town of Chelmsford. Robert Robbins, who came to this country before the year 1670, was the founder of this branch of the Robbins family, and either he or his son George was the first owner of the Carlisle farm, title to which has remained in the family to the present time (1920). George Heald Robbins, to whom this article more particularly refers, was educated in the public schools of Carlisle and Lowell. When he was twenty-seven years of age he went to Princeton, Illinois, where he was engaged during the years 1857-58 in surveying land.

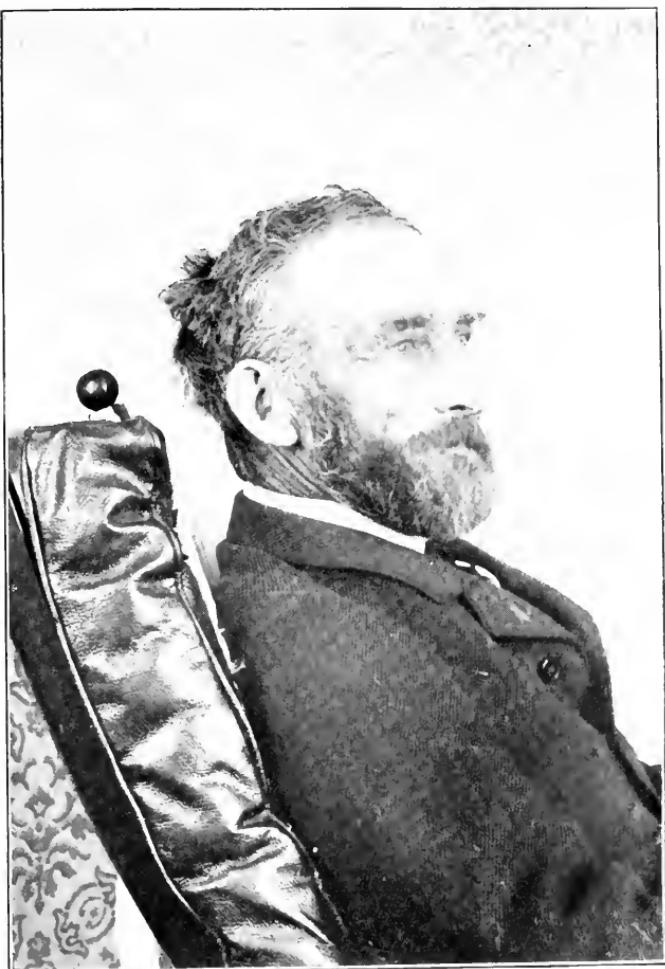
On Sept. 15, 1861, he was united by marriage to Mary Heald Melvin. They had three children, Arthur Graham, born July 11, 1862, and Mary Malvina and Carrie Melvin, born March 27, 1864.

In October, 1868, Mr. Robbins purchased a farm in the southerly part of Carlisle, where he spent the remainder of his days, engaged in agriculture and surveying. Mr. Robbins was also a very capable town official, and at various times was elected to the position of selectman, assessor, member of school committee and superintendent of schools. His decease was on April 24, 1919, at the advanced age of 88 years, 7 months, 7 days, being at that time, the oldest citizen of the town. The funeral services were held at his late home on April 29 and were attended by a large number of neighbors and friends. Rev. Benson P. Wilkins of the Congregational Church, was the officiating clergyman, and the burial was in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord.

His son, Arthur Graham, graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with the Class of 1886, since which date he has been a member of the instructing staff of the Civil Engineering Department of that institution, from 1896, serving as one of the faculty.

PAUL FRANKLIN LITCHFIELD

Paul Franklin Litchfield, the subject of this sketch, was the grandson of the Rev. Paul Litchfield, who was Carlisle's pastor for so many years in the early history of the town, and the oldest son of Roland Litchfield, who died a comparatively young man. The death of his father placed upon Paul Franklin's youthful shoulders for a time the heavy responsibility of maintaining the home place, assisted by his two younger brothers, William and George. It was characteristic of young Paul that he



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should assume his burden with vigor and courage and the enthusiasm of youth. But he speedily found the task a serious one. Times had changed. The railroad had supplanted the stage coach, the stone walls of the farm were no longer the boundaries of a profitable career. The country was outgrowing old customs, progress was in the air, and the old was giving way to the new. The comfortable old homesteads, with their stony acres from which a hard living was wrung, were no longer attractive, at least not to the rising generation.

At this period, the establishing of manufacturing centers throughout New England promised better recompense than was offered by agricultural pursuits, and persuaded many to turn to those rapidly growing communities where it was easier to make a living. Paul Franklin's ambitious nature and enterprising spirit answered at once to the call. It is a matter of interest, perhaps, briefly to follow the career of this man, whose achievements in business and social life were so diversified and successful as to stamp him certainly as one of Carlisle's most enterprising sons.

Mr. Litchfield's first business venture was in Saxonville, Mass., where he met with success, and incidentally romance, for it was there that he met Sarah Carter, a very pretty Vermont girl, who became his wife.

Seeking broader fields, he next took up his abode in Chelsea, and was for a time employed in the clothing store in Boston known as Oak Hall. It was his impulse, however, to progress and seek wider opportunities, so we find him returning to his home town, where he for a while kept a store in a building at the present day occupied as a post office.

From thence he removed to Lowell, where he developed a very profitable business in the selling of farm products on commission, associated with Charles For-

bush of Carlisle, and later also with W. A. Ingham, also of the same town. He later became interested in the manufacture of woolen goods at Thetford, Vermont, and also at Merrimac, New Hampshire, in which latter business his oldest son, William F., was interested. In fact, Mr. Litchfield's business interests were many and varied. He possessed in a large measure an adaptability, or perhaps it might be better called a versatility, quite out of the ordinary. With a remarkable quality of judgment, he was the possessor of a sound physical constitution, which enabled him to pursue what to the ordinary man would have been a too strenuous life. He was not a believer in idleness, his watchwords being industry and persistence.

In Lowell he owned a beautiful home on Chelmsford Street, known as the Waite place. Eventually he removed to a residence on East Merrimack Street, Belvidere, soon after his retirement from the commission business. He manipulated many heavy real estate deals in Lowell and other places. The Lowell Registrar of Deeds once informed the writer of this article that doubtless the name of Paul F. Litchfield figured in the records more often than that of any other man in the county.

He was also heavily interested in the establishing of Lowell's first telephone system, in company with W. A. Ingham and others. His alert mind was quick to grasp a new idea and estimate the values of the future.

About this time his health began to show signs of becoming impaired and he retired for a couple of years to a farm which he had acquired in Westford. Here he regained strength and became interested in the cattle business. Later he removed to Chelmsford and established yards in Brighton, where for some years he was one of the largest dealers in cattle in that market, which was the business he was pursuing at the time he was stricken with the illness which terminated his useful and busy life.



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To those who knew Paul F. Litchfield words of eulogy are superfluous. To know him was to become one of his legion of friends. His breadth of mind, tolerant opinions, and genial nature made him a welcome spirit in any gathering. He was by heredity and early training, while perhaps not a devout, yet a devoted church attendant. His Sabbath School class was one of the fondest associations of his life, and he seldom missed its attendance.

Mr. Litchfield's tastes were essentially domestic. The happiest moment of his life perhaps, was when all members of his family were seated at his hospitable board. Nor were friends, nor even strangers, less welcome.

To Paul F. and Sarah C. Litchfield were born six children, William, Frederick, Adeline, Elizabeth, Susan and Grace. Of these three survive, William, Susan and Grace.

Mr. Litchfield never aspired to shine in public life. He sought no political office. He was essentially a business man. His was a rich and a full life, devoted to useful and honorable ends, and this statement in itself is as fitting and sufficient a tribute as can be paid to his memory. His affection for his home town of Carlisle and its associations never wavered. He died Dec. 23, 1900, at his home in Chelmsford, and sleeps beside his wife in Carlisle's beautiful Green Cemetery.

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DANIEL WEBSTER ROBBINS

Daniel Webster Robbins, son of John Dana and Caroline Lakin Robbins, was born in Carlisle Jan. 11, 1845. He attended the Carlisle public schools, and did farm work, until the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, when at the age of sixteen he enlisted in Company C, Sixteenth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and was in active service under Generals McClellan,

Burnside, Hooker, Meade and Grant for four years, and was honorably discharged as sergeant in 1865.

Soon after the war he spent four years in California engaged in ranching and lumbering. On returning to his native State and town he learned the mason's trade, and has executed many important contracts in this line, the one most conspicuous, perhaps, being the Gleason Library in Carlisle.

On Dec. 20, 1871, he was united in marriage to Lizzie Luella Wilson. They are the parents of six children, as follows: Alice Luella, Wallace A. (deceased), Fred E., Sara Frances, Waldo S. (deceased) and William F. In the year 1885 Mr. Robbins purchased what was known as the Albert Boynton farm, near the village, where he now (1920) lives. He was an active member of Troop F Cavalry, Massachusetts State Militia for twenty years, and first sergeant for eight years. He is a member of Oberlin Lodge No. 28, I. O. O. F., of Lowell.

In politics Mr. Robbins is a Republican, and in the fall of the year 1899 was a candidate for Representative from the twenty-seventh Middlesex Representative District, a double district, and was defeated by a small margin. His first presidential vote was cast for General Grant. He has always been a very popular candidate for town office, and has held the more important offices for varying periods, as follows: town clerk, four years; selectman, eighteen years; assessor, twenty years; overseer, six years; and has served as moderator of very many town meetings with credit to himself, and entire satisfaction to the voters of the town.

CAPT. HORACE WALDO WILSON

Horace Waldo Wilson was born in Billerica on June 30, 1847, and was the eldest of eleven children, four



DANIEL WEBSTER ROBBINS



sons and seven daughters born to Horace Newell and Sybil (Spaulding) Wilson. He received his early education in the Billerica schools, living in his native town until he was twenty-one years of age; then going to Carlisle, he leased the Paul F. Litchfield farm for one year. He next decided to learn the carpenter's trade, and served an apprenticeship for this purpose with Mr. Alonzo G. Green, of Chelmsford, and was in his employ for ten years. He then spent several years in the occupation of contractor and builder, and finally purchased four adjoining farms in the southerly part of Carlisle, on which he made extensive improvements and built a large barn, which he stocked with a large herd of cattle, and engaged in the dairy business, frequently shipping more than fifty cans of milk daily to the Boston market. The place became known as the "Wilson Stock Farm." In connection with his dairy business for several years Captain Wilson also dealt in native wood and lumber at wholesale, employing a number of men and teams that worked the year round.

Captain Wilson was a member of the state militia for a period of twenty-eight years, serving as a member of Troop F Cavalry, and after having been advanced through the several non-commissioned offices, was elected and commissioned second lieutenant, June 1, 1883, first lieutenant April 21, 1885, and captain Dec. 21, 1888, serving five years in the latter office; he was the first officer to be placed on the retired list, after the passage of the retirement law.

Captain Wilson was united in marriage with Sarah Elizabeth, only daughter of William M. and Elizabeth Parkhurst, on Jan. 2, 1871. They had an adopted son, Ernest C., and two grandchildren. He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter and Corinthian Lodge of Masons of Concord, Middlesex North Pomona Grange, Carlisle

Grange, Spaulding Light Cavalry Association, and a member of the First Parish Church.

Captain Wilson will be kindly remembered by the citizens of Carlisle because of his munificent gift to the town of the memorial chapel with furnishings located in Green Cemetery. It was given in memory of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Horace N. Wilson, and is ornamental and useful for the purpose for which it was intended. It was dedicated on Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30, 1907, with appropriate exercises.

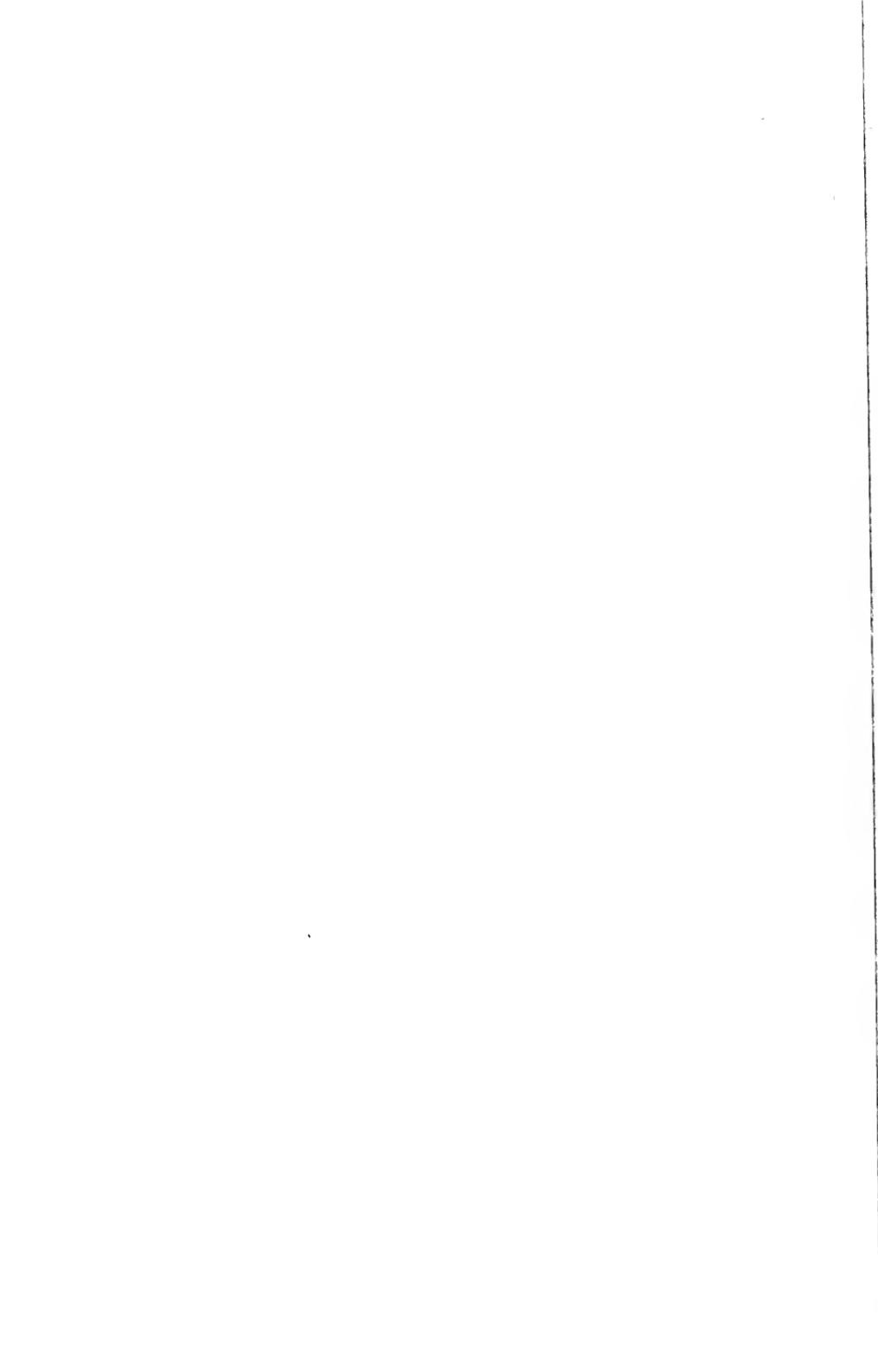
Captain Wilson died at his home, June 5, 1917, after several weeks of prostrating illness, aged 69 years, 11 months and 5 days. The funeral services were observed at his late home Saturday, June 9, and were attended by Rev. Elvin J. Prescott, pastor of the First Parish Church, of which deceased was a member and a trustee, Mrs. Benjamin Derby of Concord Junction, sang three selections. The body rested in a casket surrounded by a wealth of flowers. Over two hundred people were present, including relatives, neighbors, friends and delegations from organizations of which deceased had been a member. The remains were interred in a cement vault in Green Cemetery, where Masonic services were observed by Royal Arch Chapter and Corinthian Lodge of Masons of Concord.

SIDNEY AUGUSTUS BULL

Sidney Augustus Bull, of Billerica, Mass., was born in Harvard, Mass., Dec. 17, 1847, and was the oldest of three children born to Sidney Haskell and Mercy Sawyer Bull. The other members of the family were John Everett and Abbie Louisa, the latter of whom died Nov. 19, 1870, aged 16 years, 6 months, 17 days, and was buried in the family lot in Harvard. Mr. Bull spent the first eighteen years of his life on the home place, a farm in the easterly



CAPTAIN HORACE WALDO WILSON



part of Harvard, where he assisted in the farm labors, and attended the public schools of the town.

His parents offered him a college education but he had a decided preference for mercantile pursuits, and made his desire known to an uncle who lived in Framingham, and it was in the latter part of February, 1866, that a letter from his uncle revealed to him the welcome news that he had secured for him a position in one of the several stores at Framingham Center. The conditions of the contract included a two-years term of service, with board and room, and one hundred dollars additional for the first year, and one hundred and fifty dollars for the second year. The room was a part of the attic over the store, and for considerable of the time he was the only nocturnal occupant of the building.

The merchant, Mr. Edwin H. Warren, and his prospective clerk had never met; the merchant, however, sustained the reputation of being very methodical and systematic in the conduct of his business, and consequently could impart good business principles to his employees. The remuneration was at least not very flattering, for it was during the period of reconstruction immediately following the Civil War, when prices for labor and commodities were comparatively high, for instance, farm labor demanded an average of \$2.25 to \$2.50 per day, and articles necessary for the home were selling as follows: flour, \$25 per barrel; sugar, three pounds for a dollar; forty-inch unbleached cotton at sixty cents per yard; print cloth, thirty-three cents per yard, and other things in proportion. But the remuneration was not a consideration with the would-be clerk; the main thing was to get a knowledge of the business that he had decided to make his life work. Accordingly, on the last day of February, he bade adieu to his school and home, and on the morning of March 1, 1866, commenced his term of

service, and never spoke of wages until the expiration of the two years, when he was re-engaged for the third year at a price of his own naming.

At the close of the third year the confinement of the store life began to be monotonous, and he determined to go back to the farm for a year at least, and on March 1, 1869, returned to the Harvard homestead, where he performed farm labor until the following winter, when he accepted an agency for the autobiography of P. T. Barnum, the great show man, for which he canvassed the towns of Clinton, Hudson and Marlboro with good financial results.

In the spring of 1870, hearing of a store business for sale in the town of Carlisle, he made an investigation and was favorably impressed with the apparent business possibilities, and on May 19, 1870, purchased the stock and fixtures of the only mercantile business in the town. On July 1 of the same year he received the appointment of postmaster, which office he held for twenty years, with an interval of two years under the administration of President Cleveland.

There was very little store business being done in the town previous to the above transfer, but with the addition of new goods, with diversified lines to satisfy the demands of the people, the volume of business increased, and John E. Bull, brother of the proprietor, was the first clerk employed. Four years later more help was required, and another clerk was added to the force. At the end of five years a partnership was formed, embracing in its membership the two brothers under the firm name of S. A. & J. E. Bull.

In 1870 when Mr. Bull commenced business in Carlisle, it was not the usual custom to send out teams for orders, but five years later the custom was getting well established, and the new firm put teams on the road



MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY AUGUSTUS BULL

during five days of each week, finally running to the center of several of the surrounding towns, thus securing many new customers and largely increasing the volume of business, so that many lines of goods were purchased in carload lots.

There was a public hall over the store hired by the firm, and on the evening of Feb. 9, 1879, a dramatic entertainment was given there by the Carlisle Squad of Troop F Cavalry of which Mr. Bull was a member. It was near midnight after the close of the entertainment that the building was discovered to be on fire, which originated between the ceiling of the hall and the roof of the building, resulting from a defective chimney. There was no fire apparatus in the town, and the building was burned to the ground. A portion of merchandise from the store was removed to the street, but the loss to the firm by damage and fire was four thousand dollars, and there was no insurance. The occupants of the dwelling in connection with the store, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah D. Boynton, with whom the members of the firm were living, were also losers by the fire.

On the following day a small store near by, owned by Mr. Jabez Reynolds, was hired, and the store goods moved in from the street. The firm paid in full every dollar of indebtedness, and purchased from the owner, Mr. Albert Boynton, the site of the old store, on which they erected new and more commodious buildings, including a store sixty by thirty-two, with two tenements in the second story, back store, shed, storehouse and two barns twenty-five by thirty-three each. More than twenty men were employed in constructing the new buildings, under the direction of Mr. Alonzo G. Green of Chelmsford, and it was completed and occupied by the proprietors in August, 1879, and without doubt was at least one of the finest and best arranged stores outside the cities.

Soon after occupying the new store, Mr. Warren B. Chamberlin was added to the working force, and after a few years' clerkship was granted a third interest and became a partner in the business, under the firm name of Bull & Chamberlin. With the better facilities for handling the business, the volume accordingly increased. The second member of the firm, Mr. John E. Bull, because of failing health, soon considered it wise for him to withdraw from membership, and sold his interest to his brother the senior member of the firm, who continued to hold a two-thirds interest in the business until September, 1892, when he sold his interest to his partner, Mr. Chamberlin, and his brother Daniel L. Chamberlin, who continued the business under the firm name of W. B. & D. L. Chamberlin.

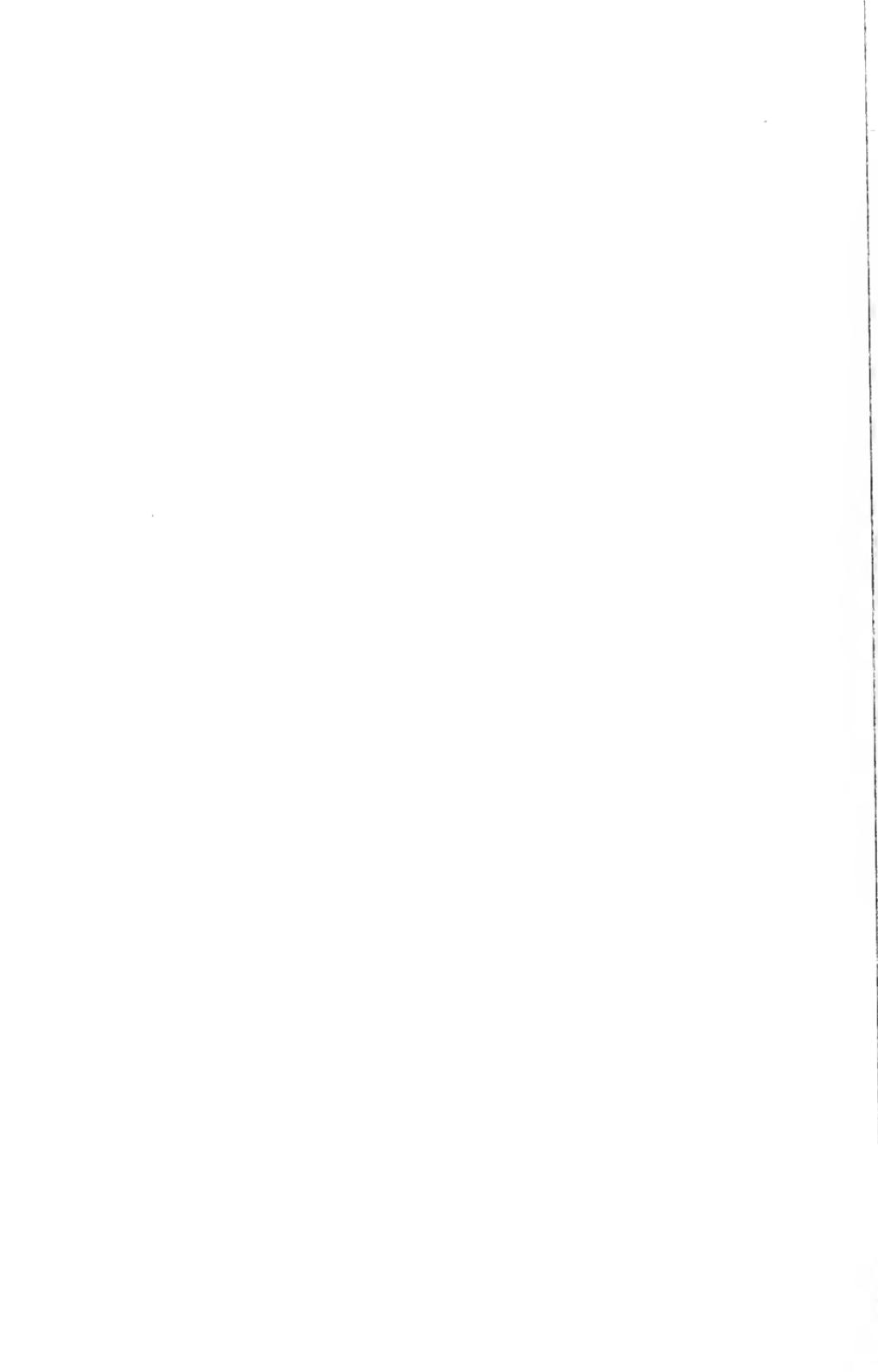
On April 25, 1893, Mrs. W. B. Chamberlin, wife of the senior partner of the new firm, purchased and took a deed to the store property and land in Carlisle, and on April 30 of the same year Mr. Bull and family moved to Billerica Center, occupying what was known as the Paul Hill place, which he had purchased from Mr. Hill in October of the previous year. Thus he completed a busy mercantile life of nearly twenty-three years in Carlisle, without ever displaying a business sign on his store, and practically without the leisure to do so.

The following is a partial list of the clerks who served an apprenticeship during Mr. Bull's mercantile life in Carlisle: John E. Bull, Gilbert G. Wilkins, Edwin C. Munroe, Elmer J. Taylor, James A. Webster, Dennis A. Long, William L. Smith, Edwin B. Currier, George P. Davis, Warren B. Chamberlin, Daniel L. Chamberlin, Andrew W. Wilkins, Willie S. Barrett.

Mr. Bull was treasurer of the town of Carlisle for nine years, also for varying terms of service he was town auditor, selectman, tax collector, and library trustee.



DENNIS A. LONG



Mr. Bull in politics was a Republican and in the fall of 1879 was elected by a large majority of votes over his Democratic opponent who had carried the district on several previous elections, for representative in the State Legislature from the twenty-sixth Middlesex County Representative District, which included the towns of Concord, Acton, Carlisle and Lincoln. He was one of the youngest members of the House and served as a member of the Committee on County Estimates.

Mr. Bull was an active member of Troop F Cavalry of the Militia of Massachusetts for eighteen years, serving under the following commanders: Captains Christopher Roby, Sherman H. Fletcher, Horace W. Wilson and Elisha H. Shaw. He held consecutively the non-commissioned offices of corporal, guidon, sergeant and commissary, and because of a change in residence was discharged from the service Nov. 10, 1893. He has since been a member of the Spaulding Light Cavalry Association.

Mr. Bull was united in marriage on April 8, 1885, with Miss Luella Meserve Cann, and began housekeeping in one of the tenements over the Carlisle store. They are the parents of three children, Leslie Augustus, Leila Sawyer and Albert Sidney, all born in Carlisle. On April 8, 1910, they celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding at their Billerica home. Six hundred invitations were sent out; the day was stormy, but a good number responded by their presence. The reception rooms were decorated, an orchestra of four pieces dispensed music during the afternoon and evening, and the D. L. Page Company of Lowell catered.

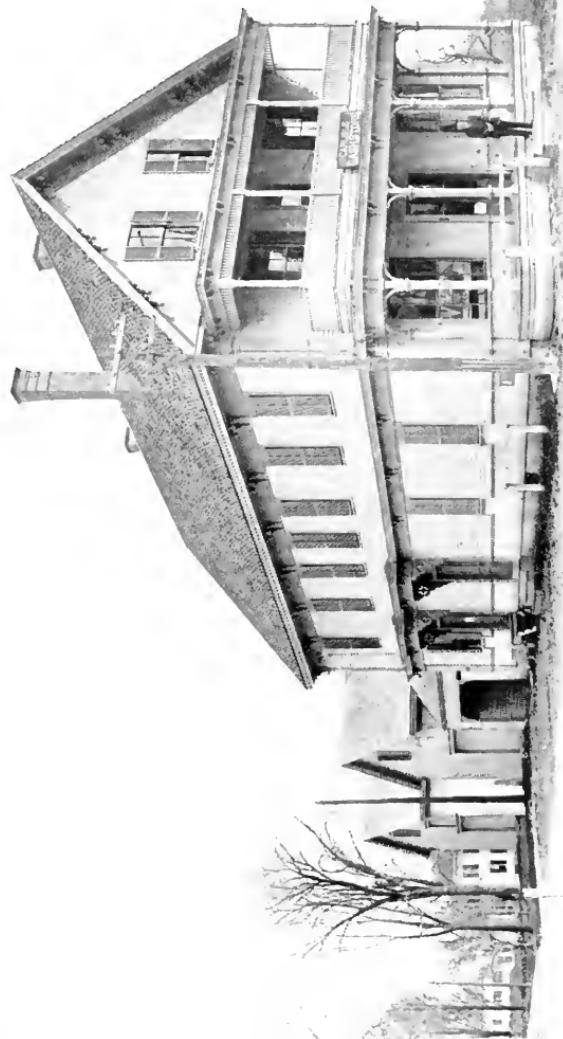
At the state election held on Nov. 4, 1902, Mr. Bull was a candidate for Representative in the General Court from the twenty-seventh Middlesex Representative District, including the towns of Billerica, Burlington, Carlisle,

Dracut, North Reading, Tewksbury, Wilmington and Wards 5 and 9 in Lowell, forming a double district, but both he and his running mate, William T. Sheppard, Esq., of Lowell, were defeated by their Democratic opponents by a small margin.

After moving to Billerica, Mr. Bull's principal business was farming. He made many improvements in the twelve-acre farm which he had recently purchased, and established on it a valuable fruit orchard that produced much prize fruit. As a side line, he secured the agency for several insurance companies, and conducted a fire insurance agency for sixteen years, which he finally turned over to his younger son when he completed his college course in 1915. In 1894 he built Central Block, a three-story structure, forty by fifty-four feet, embracing two stores and two tenements, located east of the Billerica Common, on land that formed a portion of his farm.

In 1890 Mr. Bull wrote a brief history of the town of Carlisle for the History of Middlesex County. In 1903 he received the appointment of justice of the peace, which office he continued to hold for fourteen years. In 1907, when he and his family were spending a vacation in Washington, D. C., at the request of the Billerica veterans of the Civil War he secured for the town, through the influence of United States Senator H. C. Lodge, a Parrot gun which was used in the Civil War, and which was later mounted on a granite base at the north end of the Common.

Mr. Bull was a member of the Orthodox Congregational Church successively in Harvard, Carlisle and Billerica, and one of the incorporators of the First Orthodox Congregational Society in Billerica. He was a lover of music, and a choir leader for twenty-five years, sang several seasons with the Lowell Choral Society, and was a charter member of the Los Angeles (California) Oratorio



STORE OF S. A. & J. E. BILL.



Society, where he spent a dozen winters, and when there sang with them. He was also a charter member of the Billerica Grange, and the Billerica Historical Society, being one of the incorporators of the latter. He was vice-president of the Middlesex North Agricultural Society, and for many years a member of its board of trustees.

For several years he served as a member of the Billerica Republican town committee, holding at different times the more important offices of chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Bull was a great lover of travel, and spent much money and time in seeing some of the world. After he was married, when his family were growing up, he took them with him, so that his children were several times pupils in the Los Angeles schools. His travels embraced a distance of over two hundred thousand miles by sea and land, and besides including trips through most of the United States and Canada, the Provinces, Mexico, the Bahamas, Bermudas, Cuba, and a trip abroad, including Scotland, England, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and France. He also attended seven of the great international expositions, at Philadelphia, Paris, Buffalo, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and San Diego.

The following genealogical information starts with the genealogy of Capt. Thomas Bull, the pioneer emigrant in America, bearing the family name, which now has many sponsors.

Capt. Thomas Bull b. England 1606, embarked for New England in the "Hopewell," Thomas Babb, Master, Sept. 11, 1635, settled in Hartford, Conn., m. Susan —— his wife 1643, d. 1684. a. 78. They had four sons and three daughters.

Deacon Thomas Bull (of Capt. Thomas) b. 1646, settled at Farmington, Conn., m. 1669 Esther Cowles. d. 1708, a. 62. They had five sons and three daughters.

John Bull (of Deacon Thomas², of Capt. Thomas) b. 1670, m. 1698 to Esther Royce. d. 1705, a. 35. They had four children, two of them twins.

Thomas Bull (John³, Thomas², Thomas¹) b. 1699, m. Thankful Butler, June 29, 1720. d. 1770, a. 71. They had two sons and four daughters.

Samuel Bull (of Thomas of John of Thomas of Thomas) b. 1722, m. Jerusha Hopkins, Nov. 7, 1745. d. 1794, a. 72. They had ten children, six sons and four daughters.

Thomas Bull (of Samuel, Thomas, John, Thomas, Thomas) b. Sunday, Nov. 20, 1748, m. Ruth Merriam of Wallingford, Conn. They had four children, viz: Hannah, Merritt, Sabra and Thomas Ransalier.

Merritt Bull (of Thomas, Samuel, Thomas, John, Thomas, Thomas) b. July 20, 1775 at Harwinton, Conn., m. Nov. 26, 1801, to Hannah daughter of Aaron Cook of Winchester, Conn., d. May 28, 1824. They had five sons and three daughters.

Sidney Haskell Bull (of Merritt, Thomas, Samuel, Thomas, John, Thomas, Thomas) b. Feb. 18, 1806, at Winsted, Conn., m. Nov. 25, 1841, Louisa Hartwell of Littleton, Mass. She d. Dec. 16, 1844. He m. second time Dec. 23, 1846, Mercy Sawyer of Harvard, Mass., d. Aug. 7, 1889, a. 83. They had three children, two sons and one daughter.

Sidney Augustus Bull (of Sidney, Merritt, Thomas, Samuel, Thomas, John, Thomas, Thomas) b. Dec. 17, 1847, at Harvard, Mass., m. April 8, 1885, Luella Meserve Cann of Billerica, Mass., being the eldest son of the eldest son all the way down from the original pioneer bearing the family name. They had three children, two sons and one daughter, viz., Leslie Augustus, b. Aug. 24, 1888, at Carlisle, Mass., m. June 18, 1914, Garaphelia Howard; Leila Sawyer, b. Nov. 1, 1890, at Carlisle,



John S. (Bull).



Mass.; Albert Sidney, b. Jan. 12, 1892, at Carlisle, Mass.

JOHN EVERETT BULL

John Everett Bull, son of Sidney Haskell and Mercy Sawyer Bull, was born in Harvard, Mass., Nov. 17, 1850. His early life was spent on a farm owned and carried on by his father. His education was obtained in the public schools of the town which kept twelve weeks in the summer and twelve weeks in the winter, and through which he became quite well fitted for business life which he entered in early manhood.

May 19, 1870, he came to Carlisle for the first time, entering the employ of his older brother as clerk in the village store. In January, 1875, he was received as partner on equal terms under the firm name of S. A. & J. E. Bull, which firm later became known as Bull & Chamberlin by the entrance of Warren B. Chamberlin into the same. In 1888 Mr. Bull sold his share in the business to his brother and retired from the firm.

In 1893 he removed to Billerica Center, erected a modest but comfortable house in which to live and November, 1894, started a fancy dry and furnishing goods store in the same village, in which business he continues at the present writing (1920).

He served the town of Carlisle for two terms as School Committee and as Town Clerk for ten years, declining a re-election for further service.

April 29, 1880, he was married to Miss Susan M. Butters of Burlington, who proved a willing helper in every good work. Two sons were born to them, Everett Sidney, Oct. 14, 1882, and Wilbur Irving, Feb. 3, 1888.

Mr. Bull was actively interested in church and Sunday School work in Carlisle, being Sunday School superintendent for fifteen years and holding the office

when he removed from town. The church of his choice was the Congregational, his political party was Republican; in principle, a firm believer in temperance, in practice, a total abstainer; his known position on the latter two points doubtless caused defeat in his only political venture outside of his town when he was a candidate for Representative to the General Court of the state.

MARY A. GREEN

Mrs. Mary A. Green, only child of Joseph and Mary E. (Munroe) Butters, was born in Burlington, Mass., July 22, 1853. She comes of Revolutionary stock. Her great-great-grandfather, Samuel Butters 2d of Wilmington, marched on Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775, in Capt. Freeborn Moulton's company of minute men, of Monson, and in Colonel Donnelson's regiment. Her great-grandfather, Joseph Butters, of Wilmington, son of Samuel Butters 2d, enlisted during the war of the Revolution in Captain Wright's company, Enoch Hale's regiment of New Hampshire, to reinforce garrison at Ticonderoga.

Her great-grandfather, Jonas Munroe, on her mother's side was a descendant from William Munroe, who settled in Lexington (then Cambridge Farms). Said Jonas Munroe of Carlisle (then Billerica) was in Solomon Pollard's company of militia, Colonel Green's regiment, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service one day; also Capt. Solomon Kidder's Company, Colonel Brook's regiment; return endorsed "1776" and probably made up at White Plains; said Munroe reported as having lost articles in battle and as having been sent with the wounded. Mrs. Green received her early education in the public schools of her native town; later she received private instruction for about three years, which fitted her for enter-



MRS. MARY A. GREEN

ing Mt. Holyoke Seminary in advance. School teaching, which she enjoyed, occupied her attention for a few years; she taught the "Mountain School" in Burlington and later the West and Center Schools of Carlisle. April 27, 1880, she married Thomas A. Green, son of Capt. Thomas and Maria Green, and came to Carlisle, where she has since lived. Mrs. Green, believing it to be a privilege, as well as a duty, to be helpful in the community where one lives, has willingly worked for everything which would contribute to the honor and benefit of the town. She has served the town in the following offices: was elected a trustee of the public library in 1893, an office she has held up to the present time, with the exception of one year. Over seven years she served on the school board; during that time, in 1898, the board took active measures for the consolidation of the schools. A beginning was made by having the schoolhouse in the East district brought to the center of the town.

Pupils in three of the districts were brought to the two schoolhouses in the center, where they were graded. This action proved later the necessity of having a new schoolhouse where all the pupils of the town could be accommodated and where they could receive better instruction.

Since 1896 she has given generously of her time and strength, as librarian of Gleason Public Library; previous to that time she had assisted in library work for about nine years, when the library was in private houses. After the completion of the Gleason Library building, in 1896, before it was opened to the public, Mrs. Green made the first classified catalogue. The classification of the books at that time greatly lessened the work when, some years later, the library was recatalogued under the card system, the Free Public Library Commission directing the work. The aim of Mrs. Green as librarian and trustee, has been

to anticipate the needs of the library and when possible, have them supplied.

WARREN BRADLEY CHAMBERLIN

Warren Bradley Chamberlin was born in Bath, N. H., Feb. 23, 1854. He was the son of Isaac H. and Jane (Lang) Chamberlin, one of seven children, having three sisters and three brothers. His early life was passed in Bath, attending school and working on his father's farm. In 1876 he married Elizabeth Delano Tower of Cohasset, Mass., and the next year removed to Carlisle, buying the farm called the Eastman place in the east part of the town. In 1884 he sold the farm and worked for S. A. & J. E. Bull in their general store. In 1886 he entered the firm as partner, later buying out the business and in company with his brother, Daniel L. Chamberlin, carrying it on under the firm name of W. B. & D. L. Chamberlin. On account of ill health he sold his share of the business to his brother in 1907 and spent the remaining years of his life in light farming. After many years of ill health he died Nov. 6, 1919.

During his residence in Carlisle he held most of the town offices within the gift of the town, and was town treasurer for nineteen years. He was for thirty-three years a member of the Congregational church in Carlisle, a part of the time serving as Sunday school superintendent, and a great lover of music. He was, as long as his health permitted, a faithful member of the church choir.

On account of ill health, Mr. Chamberlin, accompanied by his wife, spent two years in Southern California, most of the time living in Los Angeles or Monrovia; in the latter place he was employed in one of the leading grocery stores.

For several years Mr. Chamberlin was a member of the State Militia, serving as a member of the Carlisle



WARREN BRADLEY CHAMBERLIN

Squad, Troop F. Cavalry. Mr. Chamberlin was at two different times appointed postmaster for the town of Carlisle, serving in this capacity nearly five and one-half years, and was a justice of the peace for twenty-four years.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN LITCHFIELD

William Franklin Litchfield, oldest son of Paul F. Litchfield, was born in Saxonville, Mass., June 16, 1857. His boyhood days were spent mostly in Carlisle, where he attended school at the old red brick schoolhouse in the Center. Later, when his parents moved to Lowell, he returned at the age of fourteen to live with his grandmother at the old Litchfield parsonage, where he took care of five cows and the stock of the farm, attending meanwhile the North School.

To write in detail of the varied and enterprising career of William F. Litchfield would require a great deal more space than it is permitted to give here. Many a young man has been aptly spoken of as being a "chip of the old block." There is no doubt that such a thing as heredity really exists, and perhaps much of the remarkable physical energy and business capacity possessed by Paul F. Litchfield was handed down to his son.

William F. Litchfield started life with a purpose, to which he has firmly adhered, and this was to win success. That he has won it is due to perseverance and devotion to ideals of absolute honesty much to his credit. His business training was greatly assisted by a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College. His first employment away from home was as messenger boy in the Western Union Telegraph office in Lowell. Next he became engaged in the clothing business, and eventually proved his executive ability to such an extent that he was given the management of his father's woolen mills at Merrimac, N. H.

He was married to Amy C. Taylor of Maynard, Mass., in 1880, and later in 1883 removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, a rapidly growing city in those days, where he conducted a profitable hardware business, and sold and installed the first street lamps used in that city.

Not caring much for the West, he returned to Lowell and bought the grocery store at the corner of Fayette and Andover Streets, removing later to the corner of High and Andover Streets, where he established a successful trade, remaining there for ten years.

But with the progressive instincts of the true business man, he was ever on the watch for a change that might advance him on the highway to fortune, and seeing what he believed to be his opportunity, he sold out his grocery store and transferred his interests to Maynard, Mass., where he engaged in the coal business. Here he was the first man in that vicinity to establish up-to-date machinery for the handling of coal, and devised and built his own elevator after his own ideas.

This meant also the construction of an expensive steel bridge across the Assabet River from his coal pockets to his office. His success was assured and for twenty-five years he has remained a resident of the progressive town of Maynard. He is prominent in town affairs, otherwise than political, is a director of the Maynard Bank, and has a beautiful home in the most desirable part of the town. He has lately retired from business.

Mr. Litchfield is a devoted family man, has hosts of friends, and can surely feel that his efforts have yielded him a full meed of that prosperity and happiness which is the life object of the average man of worth.

GEORGE W. GOODE.

DENNIS A. LONG

Born in Carlisle, Aug. 10, 1866. Was taught hard work in early life and has never forgotten it. Decided



WILLIAM FRANKLIN LITCHFIELD

while employed by S. A. & J. E. Bull, as clerk in their Carlisle store, that it was necessary to obtain at least a limited education. Left Carlisle to go to school in Lowell, where he attended the Main School one term, winning first prize for improvement in penmanship, the cause for which he ascribes to the fact that he was so poor a writer at the start.

He took the examination for the Lowell High School in the forenoon, and in the afternoon was working in the hayfield in the employ of Benjamin Heald, in Billerica. He completed the three-years course in the Lowell High School in a little more than two years. During this period he was employed in newspaper work on the old *Morning Times*, and was elected president of the graduating class. He continued in the newspaper work in Lowell until the year 1890, when he went South, where in 1892, he helped to organize the Southern Baseball League, becoming owner and manager of one of the teams.

In 1894 he selected the cities and organized the Western Baseball League, managing and owning the Toledo, Ohio, team. In his eight years of baseball experience he developed more young ball players than had ever been brought out up to that time by any one manager. After spending nine years in the South, West and Central States, he returned to Lowell in 1899 and established the Lowell *Sunday Telegram*, which has been a prosperous business venture, and a newspaper very extensively read, and of much influence. He owns the five-story Telegram Building in the heart of Lowell, and is one of the large taxpayers.

Mr. Long was united by marriage July 16, 1901, with Miss Mary A. Gorman of Lowell, who was a teacher in the Lincoln School. They have four children, one son, and three daughters, and reside at 610 Andover Street, Lowell.

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